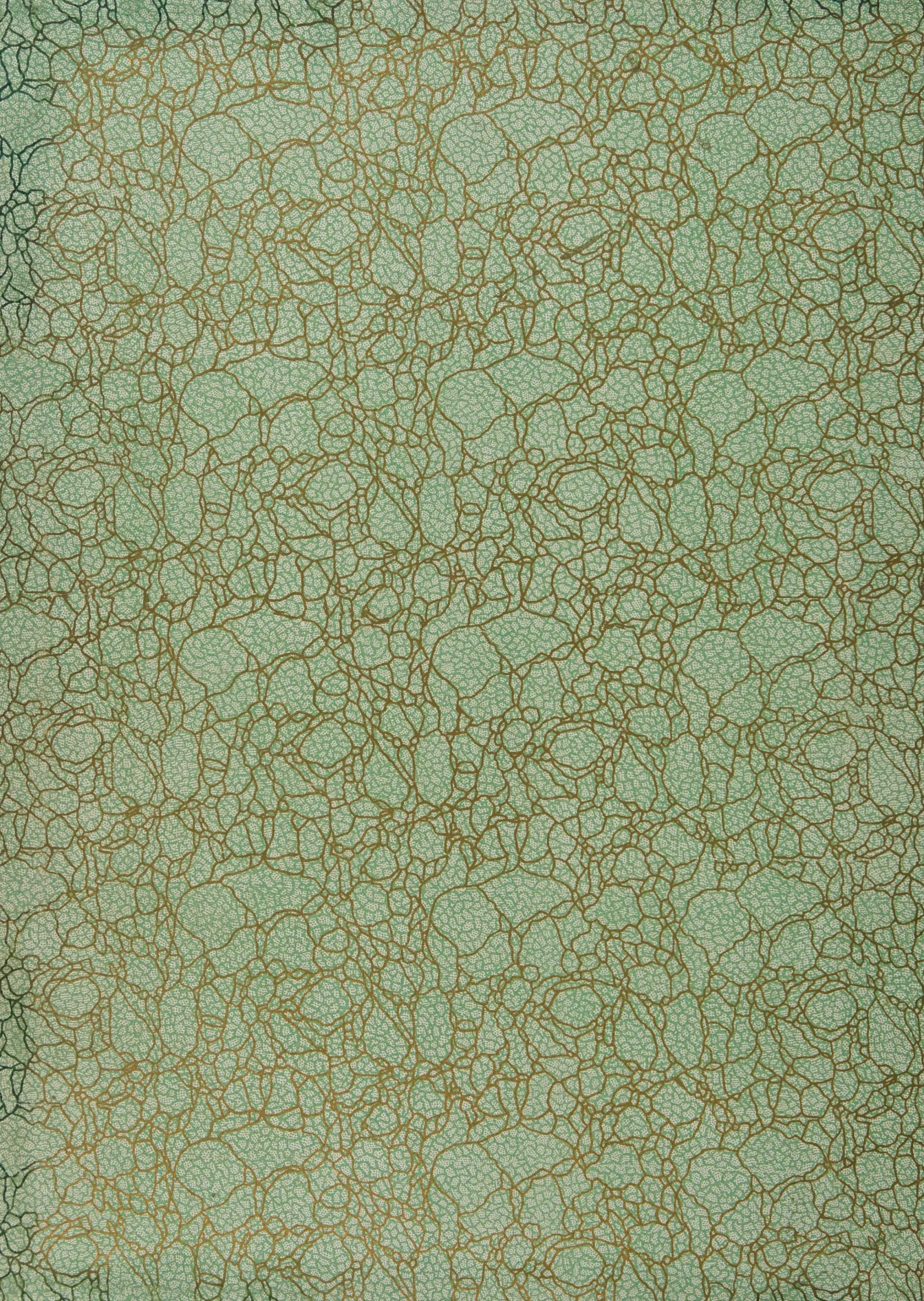

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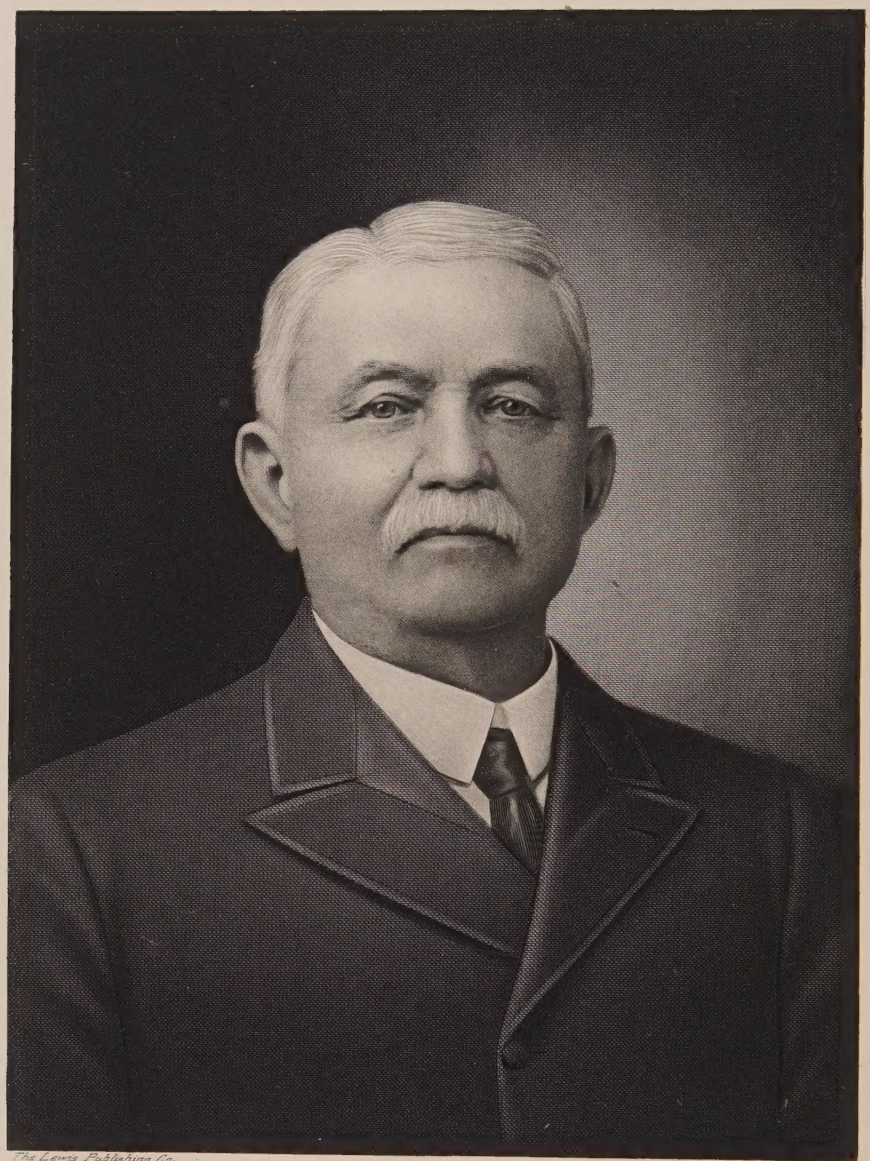

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History of Huntington County

ENOS T. TAYLOR. One of Huntington's most enterprising business men and prominent citizens was the late Enos T. Taylor. His death, from heart-failure, on March 6, 1908, precipitated a sudden and heavy sorrow upon a community which had known and honored him for half a century. His career, so typical in many ways of American success, has both incentive and inspiration. He did the duties that lay nearest, and lost little time in dreaming. Of humble and honored toil he was never ashamed, and was for many years the possessor of abundance in the world's goods, and of the esteem which is foremost in human wealth.

Enos T. Taylor was born in New Carlisle, Ohio, January 17, 1840, and was past sixty-eight years of age at the time of his death. His father was William Taylor a shoemaker, long since deceased. Enos was the last survivor of his immediate family. In 1841, William Taylor moved to Huntington, and opened a cobbler shop in a little building on East Market Street, where later stood the Grayston Block. The boyhood of Enos Taylor was spent in humble circumstances. He was energetic as a lad, a good student in the schools, and had ambitions for an education. However, when he was fourteen years of age, his father informed him that the financial affairs of the family were such that the son could no longer continue even an irregular course in school. Though greatly disappointed at this turn in affairs, the boy made no complaint at entering his father's shop, and learning the art of shoe-making. For a number of years he sat daily on his work bench, and in a few years had become an expert shoemaker. It is said that many of the older citizens afterwards recalled wearing wedding boots and old rawhides turned out by the hands of E. T. Taylor during his early career. It was the beginning of a career which eventually brought Mr. Taylor into foremost prominence in banking and business affairs in Huntington. He kept up his work as a maker of shoes, laid aside all his earnings, and in 1860, had accumulated enough capital to buy the stock and the business from his father. From that time forward his prosperity steadily advanced. In 1866 he used his own capital and all that he could borrow in erecting the Taylor block on Jefferson Street. Under his careful management the shoe business became one of the largest boot and shoe stores in the Wabash Valley. Mr. Taylor con-

tinued as a shoe merchant until 1888, when he sold out to W. A. Zeller, Sr., who for many years previously had been a clerk in the Taylor store.

Mr. Taylor's introduction to banking was in 1871. The Citizens Bank of Huntington was organized September 1, 1871, with Frederick Dick, as president, Enos T. Taylor as vice president, and John Morgan as cashier. The original capital stock was fifty thousand dollars, and this was largely increased by the addition of surplus earnings. After 1877 the capital stock was all held by Frederick Dick and Mr. Taylor. In 1888, after selling out his shoe business, Mr. Taylor became actively identified with the management of the institution, and on the death of Frederick Dick in 1897, he succeeded as president, an office which he held until his own death more than ten years later. Mr. Taylor was noted as a shrewd, careful and conservative financier, and though he possessed the conservatism so necessary to banking, he was at the same time fair and liberal in all his dealings. It was said that Mr. Taylor probably had a call on more ready funds at times of emergency than any other business man in Huntington.

His interests extended far beyond the boundaries of the bank. He was at one time identified with G. V. Griffith, under the firm name of Taylor & Griffith in the manufacture of plow handles. Later Mr. Griffith and his son Edward bought the interest of Mr. Taylor and carried on the business independently. Mr. Taylor was also for a number of years business partner with Col. C. E. Briant in the milling and timber business. He became a heavy stockholder in the Barker Brown & Company shoe factory on its establishment at Huntington, and still held a large amount of its stock at the time of his death. He was, with other Huntington capital, interested as a stockholder and director in the Kokomo Steel & Wire Works.

The Taylor residence at 715 North Jefferson Street, where the death of the banker occurred, has for many years been one of the elegant mansions of Huntington, and during Mr. Taylor's life was a center for hospitality and culture. It was erected in 1898. Mr. Taylor greatly enjoyed his home and family, and outside the boundaries of his business and his home, he seldom strayed into more general social pleasures. In the summer of 1907 he built a beautiful summer home on the shores of Walloon Lake in Michigan, where the family spent a considerable part of the summer months. In September, 1877, Mr. Taylor married Miss Emma T. Moore who, with two children, survives him. The children are: Miss Miriam, who completed her studies at the National Park Seminary in Washington, D. C.; and Paul Taylor, who attended the Northwestern University, also graduated from Dartmouth College, and at the time of his father's death was vice president of the Citizens State Bank of Huntington.

Mr. Taylor was a member of the A. F. & A. M. Amity Lodge, No. 483, and of the I. O. O. F. He was fond of reading and study, was a member of the Methodist church, interested in realty, philanthropic to a great degree, but never liked publicity, was a republican, but never sought office, and was a great leader of men.

Milo N. Feightner. From 1910 to January 1, 1914, Mayor of Huntington, Mr. Feightner is one of the citizens whose long residence, success in profesional affairs and high personal character entitle them to the best distinctions in public life, where their previous record insures faithful and intelligent service in the public interest. Mr. Feightner is a lawyer, enjoys a high standing in the Huntington county bar, and is a member of the firm of Bowers & Feightner.

Milo N. Feightner was born at Canal Dover, Ohio, March 22, 1873. His parents, Reuben and Mary (Lantz) Feightner, in 1875 moved from Ohio to Huntington county, where the father bought a farm in Union township. He has for nearly forty years been identified with the agricultural interests in that section of Huntington county, and among his relations with the community has served in the office of justice of the peace.

The education of Milo N. Feightner was obtained by attendance at the common schools, and later at the Valparaiso College and the State University at Bloomington, Indiana. His early environment was that of the country, and in 1891 he began an eight years' experience as a school teacher, teaching in the common schools five years and three years in high school. He took up the study of law while teaching school, continuing his reading in the office of Whitelock & Cook and afterwards with Judge James C. Branyan of Huntington. His first association in active practice was with his former preceptor, Judge Branyan, under the firm name of Branyan & Feightner. That partnership was dissolved by mutual consent when Judge James C. Branyan was elected to the Bench in November, 1900. Mr. Feightner then became associated with John Branyan, son of Judge Branyan, a partnership which lasted until May, 1905. At the latter date a partnership was formed with Fred H. Bowers, under the present firm name of Bowers & Feightner. Their general law practice extends to all the courts, and embraces participation in much of the more important litigation in the local profession.

In 1909 Mr. Feightner was elected on the Democratic ticket as mayor of Huntington for the term of four years. His duties began in January, 1910, and his term expired in January, 1914. He has also been county attorney and is now city attorney. As a leading Democrat he was for two years chairman of the Democratic City Central Committee, and also for two years chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee. Fraternally Mr. Feightner is affiliated with La Fontaine Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks Lodge. He lives on Henry street in Huntington and the family resides in one of the fine homes of the city.

On April 4, 1900, occurred his marriage to Miss Nina McNaughten, a daughter of A. A. McNaughten, one of the old residents of Huntington county.

Ulysses S. Lesh. During the last twenty years the bar of Huntington county has contained no more able or successful lawyer than Ulysses S.

Lesh of the firm of Lesh & Lesh of Huntington. He has been retained on one side or other in many of the most important cases tried in the courts of this county for many years. His ability in the law, and his high standing in the profession, and as a citizen, gives him rank as one of the leaders in the modern activities and life of this county. His individual career and family relations furnish some interesting details of biography, and the following sketch, drawn from different sources, will not be inappropriate in this history.

Ulysses S. Lesh is a native of Indiana, born on a farm in Rock Creek township, Wells county, August 9, 1868. His father, Joseph Lesh, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, March 29, 1835, and came to Indiana with his parents, John and Elizabeth (Ulrich) Lesh, in 1850. His mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Lesh, was also a native of Berks county, born November 14, 1843, and came to Indiana with her parents, John and Harriett (McAfee) Lesh, in 1847. Joseph Lesh taught school for many years and for a time, when he called the roll at the close of the school days, Sarah Lesh would meekly answer "present." But as they were second cousins it is probable that the acquaintance which led to their marriage on October 4, 1860, antedated those days of teacher and pupil. For several years after his marriage Joseph Lesh was engaged in the mercantile business at Markle (then "Tracy"), but when the boy problem began to assert itself in his home he wisely moved to a farm, selecting as a site one situated about three and a half miles southeast of Markle in Wells county, and skirted by the Wabash river, on which farm Joseph Lesh continued to reside until his death on August 14, 1893. Following his death his widow moved to Markle, where she still lives. Both Joseph and Sarah Lesh were good people and devoted members of the Lutheran church. The former was a man of strong convictions. He would not yield his views on vital questions for the sake of harmony, but he held his few faithful and trusted friends "with hoops of steel." Sarah Lesh is said to have furnished the fun, and was more inclined to be indulgent with the faults of her children.

The career of Ulysses S. Lesh has been spent in Huntington county since childhood. Owing to frail health his schooling did not begin until he was past eight years of age, and after that for similar and other less excusable reasons he missed several terms. His occupation was work, and his recreation fishing and hunting. He never took any part in the social doings of the community. When asked concerning his youthful avocations, Mr. Lesh said: "I used to sit on the river bank and dream; dream day dreams—those which never come true, and yet are worth while. When my next younger brother and I used to tire out at tugging the crosscut saw we would 'straddle' the log and resolve that we would never be farmers. As our resolutions did not go so far as to declare that we would be anything else, we have both made good these solemn obligations."

The active career by which he has become known to his county and community began with his matriculation in the law department of the University of Michigan in the fall of 1889, continuing until his gradua-

tion in June, 1892. About the first of August in the same year he entered the law office of the late James B. Kenner, with whom he continued in practice for ten years. Their personal relations were of a most pleasant character, and the parting did not strain them. Upon his withdrawal from the firm Mr. Lesh formed a partnership with his youngest brother, Eben Lesh, with whom he is still associated.

Outside of his large practice Mr. Lesh has participated only to a limited extent in politics, and then only in line with his profession. For several years he served as city attorney of Huntington. His politics is republican, and he is now the candidate of his party for Judge of the Appellate Court. His good citizenship has always been notable, and his support is readily enlisted in behalf of all movements for community improvement. Fraternally his affiliations are with Huntington Lodge No. 805, B. P. O. E. Mr. Lesh is a member of the Lutheran church, but attends the Presbyterian church, of which his wife is a member. Since coming to Huntington Mr. Lesh has been absorbed in the practice of law, but in literary circles is also known as the author of one story, "A Knight of the Golden Circle," which is a historical novel based on the celebrated treason trials of the Civil war time.

On June 27, 1894, Mr. Lesh was united in marriage to Minnie Ursella Fulton, daughter of Dr. John C. Fulton, who was then and still is engaged in the active practice of medicine at Bluffton, Indiana. Mrs. Lesh was born on October 9, 1872, and when a girl her mother, Jennie Bell (Hanna) Fulton, died, leaving four children, all of whom were daughters, and of whom Mrs. Lesh was the oldest. While Mr. Lesh has pursued his chief interest in the law, Mrs. Lesh, besides looking after her home and children, has proved herself in many ways a valuable citizen of Huntington. It is an inalienable part of her character not to compromise truth or practice so-called diplomacy at the expense of sincerity. She has little patience with social shams, and outside of her home has concerned herself chiefly with those things which will give practical benefit to the community. The public schools of the city largely owe the early installation of the playground of free kindergarten systems to her untiring activities. When opposed on legal grounds she persisted in her campaign for those improvements by taking up the matter with the proper state officers, and with the aid of their official opinion secured the passage of the necessary ordinance.

Into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lesh have been born six children, all boys. Two of them, Joseph Fulton and Robert Dean, died shortly before reaching their second birthday. The memory of these children have always been sacred to both parents. The four sons still living are: John Marshall, born January 24, 1896; Lex, born April 13, 1898; James Egbert, born July 2, 1907, and Samuel Terhune, born April 29, 1912.

Israel H. Heaston. With the management of the First National Bank of Huntington, Israel H. Heaston has been identified as president since November 1, 1902. Mr. Heaston, whose home has been in Huntington county for more than sixty-five years was in early life a farmer,

belonging to a family which was in pioneer times identified with the agricultural industry of the county. He has for many years been connected with political and civic affairs, and a number of years ago held the office of county auditor.

The First National Bank of Huntington, the oldest national institution in the county, was organized September 26, 1863, and its charter was dated December 12, of the same year. This was in the first year of the operation of the National Banking Act. It started out with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, and some of the pioneer business men of Huntington were among the incorporators. The first president was Samuel H. Purviance, who held his position until his death in 1873, and from 1873 until 1878 Joseph Purviance was president. The first cashier was William McGrew, who in 1878 became president. The capital stock in 1871 was increased to one hundred thousand dollars, and in 1883 a new charter was taken out. The First National has always been conservatively managed and has been a bulwark to the business community.

Israel H. Heaston was born near Hagertstown, in Wayne county, Indiana, September 23, 1843, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Goodlander) Heaston. His father was a native of Virginia, and his mother of Pennsylvania. The paternal ancestors were of German stock, the original family seat having been on the Rhine River. It was the grandfather who founded the name in America, settling in Rockingham county, Virginia, though he died in old age in Ohio. He was a Major, under General Green in the Revolutionary war. The father of the Huntington banker, Jacob Heaston, was reared in Virginia, and was a young man when he moved with other members of the family to Butler county, Ohio. From there he moved to Montgomery county, near Dayton, then across the line into Indiana, locating not far from Hagerstown. He was a substantial farmer, and in 1847 came to Huntington county. His settlement was in the township of Lancaster, where he acquired two hundred acres of land, and continued as a prosperous farmer and stock raiser until his death. He was not only successful in business, but a man of great influence and highly esteemed for his integrity. For many years he took an active part in the German Baptist Church. In early years a supporter of the democratic party, the Civil war caused him to change his political opinion and he thereafter supported the republican interests. His was a long and useful career, ending with death at the age of eighty-two. His wife reached almost the same age, and died on the old homestead in Lancaster township.

Israel H. Heaston had the wholesome environment of country life during his boyhood and youth, and in the township of Lancaster not only acquired a substantial education in the local schools, but on the home farm learned the lessons of honored toil. He was just at the beginning of manhood when the war of the Rebellion broke out, and he left his books to take up arms in the defense of the Union. On the first of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company E of the Seventy-Fifth Indiana Infantry, and with that command served in the army of the

Cumberland through many of its campaigns. He was with General Sherman through the Tennessee and Georgia campaigns, fought at Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, at Dalton, Resaca, and many other battles in the slow advance toward Atlanta. After the fall of Atlanta, he followed Sherman in the march to the sea. His record as a soldier was exceptionally creditable. He never missed a battle in which his regiment took part, was never absent from roll call and always ready to accept the duties and obligations of a solider. In June, 1865, he was honorably discharged at Indianapolis.

After the war Mr. Heaston continued on the home farm until 1873. In July of that year he moved to a farm of his own in Rock Creek township, and continued one of the prosperous farmer citizens until he was called into public service, which brought him to the county seat. A republican in politics, and in a strongly democratic county, he was in 1882 a candidate for the office of county auditor, and missed election by only seven votes. In 1886, again on the republican ticket, he was successful in his race for the office, and in August, 1887, moved to Huntington to better discharge the duties of his office. Since that time his home has been continuously in Huntington. Mr. Heaston may be credited with other important public services. He was for two terms a trustee of Lancaster township, and during the Spanish-American war acted as paymaster's clerk for one year, being mustered out in June, 1899. Thus he had service in two wars. In 1890, Mr. Heaston was again a candidate for the office of auditor, but was unable to overcome the democratic opposition, though he ran far ahead of his ticket. He was three times elected alderman in the city council. In 1888 he was the only republican member of the body, and was elected twice thereafter. The republican party of Huntington county has for many years recognized a natural leader in Mr. Heaston. He rendered invaluable services during many campaigns and was instrumental in many of the successes of the party in this district of the state. He served as chairman of the republican central committee from 1892 to 1896.

A man of sound business judgment and unimpeachable integrity, possessing a host of friends, irrespective of politics, Mr. Heaston has long occupied a useful position in his community. In addition to his business as president of the First National Bank, his services in late years have been much in demand in the settlement of estates and in the transactions of other business requiring more than ordinary intelligence and forethought. He has been very successful; owns much property and real estate and other investments, and all his prosperity has been worthily won. It has been well said of him that he has discharged every trust reposed in him with commendable fidelity, and whether as a citizen or as a soldier or as a public servant, his career has been above reproach.

On March 8, 1866, Mr. Heaston married Miss Phoebe C. Reed, a daughter of Hosea Reed, of Wabash county. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Heaston, two of them dying in infancy. Myrtle O. and Clarissa W. grew to maturity. Mr. Heaston is a member of the James

R. Slack Post No. 137, Grand Army of the Republic at Huntington, and for one year served as commander of the post.

MARO N. KNIGHT. The field of merchandise, as well as that of finance, has been invaded to excellent purpose by Maro N. Knight, prosperous merchant of Bippus and president of the Bippus State Bank. His success has been continuous and far reaching, and today Mr. Knight stands foremost among the leading citizens and men of affairs of the town. Those enterprises with which he has become identified have in various ways reflected the business tact and shrewdness of the man, and his influence in the community has been far reaching and undeniably beneficent.

Mr. Knight was born in Allen county, Indiana, on May 3, 1867, and he is a son of Conrad and Rebecca (Sink) Knight. The father was born in Germany and he was a lad of eight years when he accompanied his parents to the United States. The family located in Tuscaraswas county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. Rebecca (Sink) Knight was reared in Ohio, her birth state, and came to Indiana with her family as a young girl. Conrad Knight accompanied that family, and settled in the same community with them, near Zanesville, Indiana, being the place they chose.

Conrad Knight was a carpenter by trade, and he did a considerable business in contracting and building, coming to be a progressive and prosperous man. He was a man of many excellent qualities, and a devoted worker in the denomination known as the Church of God, of which he was long a member.

He died at Zanesville, Indiana, and his loss was deeply felt in that community. He was a man of deeds, rather than of words, and in his quiet way wielded an excellent influence in those places where he was found present. Conrad and Rebecca Knight were the parents of twelve children, eight of whom are living at this writing (1914).

Maro N. Knight was the sixth born in this goodly family. He was reared in Zanesville, and as a boy attended the district schools. While his literary education was not extensive, it was well begun, and he had an excellent basis for future learning, so that he has each year added something to his intellectual equipment. As a youth he spent much time in the store of Knight and Bell at Zanesville, and he later learned the carpenter trade, though he did not long devote himself to that line of enterprise. He was for several years employed in the Knight & Bell mercantile establishment, work he finally quitted because of its confining nature, and he again turned his attention to contracting and for some years was thus employed.

In 1900 Mr. Knight came to Bippus. Here he put to excellent use the training he had received in the Zanesville store, for he established a general store in Bippus, which he has since operated with a due measure of success. The business is carried on under the firm name of Knight Brothers, and is one of the progressive and well conducted firms of the county.

In July, 1911, Mr. Knight, with others, organized the Bippus State Bank. It opened its doors for business on July 22nd, and has since been doing a thriving business in the community. As a leading spirit in the movement that resulted in organization and a heavy subscriber to the stock, Mr. Knight was elected president of the new concern, the other officers being as follows: S. E. Stults, vice president; James Stephenson, cashier; and on its board of directors are Mr. Knight, Mr. Stults, John Murphy, John Wagner, Peter Dicer, Gottlieb Schroader, Peter Hornaday, John Sell and Andrew Kilty. The bank has a capital stock of $25,000, and the stockholders are all men of Bippus and vicinity. It has made excellent progress since it opened its doors for business, and much of its present prosperity is undeniably due to the activities of Mr. Knight as chief executive.

In 1889 Mr. Knight was married to Miss Ella Lawrence, of Allen county, Indiana. She is a daughter of John Lawrence, who is well known in that county. To them three children have been born, two of whom are now living. Mary, born December 16, 1898, is a graduate of the Bippus high school, her graduation being consummated prior to her fifteenth birthday. Nenah O. was born on May 29, 1909.

The Knight family have membership in the Church of God of Zanesville, and Mr. Knight is an Odd Fellow, with affiliations in West Point Lodge No. 688, of which lodge he is Noble Grand.

The family enjoy the unqualified esteem and regard of the leading people of their town and have a host of good friends in and about the community, who have known them for their many excellent qualities of heart and mind.

George Herman Favorite. The Favorite farm in Huntington township is one of the oldest estates in this county. It is a fine tribute to the integrity and sterling qualities of the family stock that one name may continue to be associated with a homestead for over seventy years. The Favorite family in Huntington county goes back to the pioneer times, and its record has always been distinguished by honor and prosperity. George H. Favorite is a representative in the younger generation of this family, and is a young man who combines the practical with scientific farming, and has already made for himself a substantial place in the community.

George Herman Favorite was born on the old Favorite homestead in Huntington township, April 21, 1886, a son of George G. and Clara (Cost) Favorite. George G. Favorite was also born on this same farm, on the 28th of February, 1840. He was just at the entrance to young manhood when the Civil war came on, and he saw active service in an Indiana regiment for several years. Nine months of this time were spent as a prisoner of war at Andersonville. Returning to this native county at the close of the war, he followed farming as his vocation, and continued as one of the prominent citizens until his death. He took a very active part in the work of the First Presbyterian church at Huntington, being an elder therein at the time of his death, which occurred

on the 16th of June, 1906. He was likewise a local leader in the republican party. There were seven children in the Favorite family, mentioned as follows: Clara Alice, a graduate of the Huntington high school with the class of 1898, and of the state normal, class of 1905, is now a teacher in the Central school of Huntington; Emma A., a graduate of the Huntington high school, class of 1901, and of the Teachers' Training College at Indianapolis, class of 1908, is now teaching in the State street school at Huntington; John W., a graduate of the Huntington township high school, class of 1902, and who also pursued an electrical engineering course at Purdue University and graduated with the class of 1906, is now employed as a designer with the Fairbanks-Morse Company at Indianapolis; George H. is the next in order of birth; Nellie G., a graduate of the Huntington high school with the class of 1908, and the Michigan Agricultural College in Domestic Science, class of 1913, was a teacher at Bloomingdale, Michigan; Mabel H. is a member of the Huntington high school, class of 1914; and Wallace E. will also have completed the high school course in 1914. The mother of these children is a resident of Huntington, Indiana. She was born in Green county, Ohio, December 11, 1862, and she remained in her native state and county until her marriage. She is a member of the First Presbyterian church and its Missionary Society, also of the Social Club and the Nameless Club.

George H. Favorite was reared on the old farm, and from the local schools entered the agricultural department of Purdue University. Returning home with a training for his life work such as the older families of Huntington county never received, he applied himself with great energy and good judgment to the cultivation of the old homestead. He controls eighty acres and manages the entire estate of one hundred and sixty acres.

On the 17th of August, 1910, Mr. Favorite was united in marriage to Miss C. Mabel Long, a daughter of Edward and Josephine (Frame) Long, of Huntington township. Edward Long was born in Randolph county, Indiana, January 11, 1843. He is a plasterer by trade and a resident of Huntington township. He was a soldier in the Civil war for two years, serving with the Forty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, from which he received his honorable discharge. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, and he served as assessor of Polk township for several years, as assessor of Huntington township for fifteen years, and was also at one time the deputy sheriff of the county. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic order. Mrs. Long is a native of Polk county, Iowa, born November 22, 1850. To Mr. and Mrs. Long were born three daughters, Lurana M., who received a high school education, is the wife of L. S. Buzzard, employed in the post office at Huntington, and they have four children. Mr. Buzzard is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. The second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Long, Mary G., was educated in the Huntington city schools, and is the wife of William A. LaPointe, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

They have two sons. Mrs. LaPointe is a member of the Christian church. Mrs. Favorite is the youngest daughter, and her birth occurred on the 17th of November, 1888. After graduating from the Huntington township high school with the class of 1905 she was a student in the state normal during the years 1907 and 1908, and then taught in this county for four years before her marriage. A daughter, Helen Josephine, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Favorite on the 14th of November, 1912. Mr. Favorite has membership in the First Presbyterian church at Huntington, while his wife belongs to the Central Christian church in that city. In politics his support is regularly given to the republican party.

William Schwartz. A former county clerk of Huntington county, and now engaged in the general insurance business at Huntington, William Schwartz belongs to one of the old families of this section, is a native of Huntington and has had a varied and active career in steadily progressive activities.

William Schwartz was born in the city of Huntington, September 23, 1858, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Orff) Schwartz. His father was born in Baden Baden, Germany, was educated in the common schools, learned the trade of shoe maker, and in 1849 emigrated to the United States, coming direct from New York city to Fort Wayne, Indiana. There he established a shoe shop, and followed his trade by work on the bench for a time. Later moving to Huntington, he became one of the early dealers in ready-made shoes, and continued the business both as manufacturer and dealer until his death in January, 1879. His wife survived him several years.

During his boyhood in Huntington William Schwartz attended the public schools, and up to his fourteenth year was a student in the German Reform school. Since boyhood he has been largely dependent on his own efforts and resources. His first acquaintance with practical life was with the cigar maker's trade, a vocation he followed about six years. For some time his services were employed by George Griffith, who at that time was operating a head and hoop factory. He was also employed by William H. Drover and John Young. On leaving employment with those parties Mr. Schwartz from 1882 to 1892 was car inspector for the Chicago & Atlantic railroad, having a number of men under him in that work.

In 1892 came his first important position in public affairs. From May 1, 1892, to September 1 of the same year he filled the unexpired term of Leon T. Bagley as city clerk, Mr. Schwartz having been elected in May of that year for the term of two years, beginning in September, 1892. He gave a capable administration of the duties of that office for two years and four months. For a time Mr. Schwartz was connected with the Huntington *Morning Times,* and then was in the general insurance business for four years. The insurance field is his chief activity at the present time, and he is the representative of several reliable companies. In 1897 Mr. Schwartz was appointed waterworks superintendent, and managed that municipal institution for six years. In

1906 he was elected to the office of county clerk for one term of four years.

Mr. Schwartz was an active Democrat, and has taken part in both city, county and state affairs of his party. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Pythias, in both the Lodge and Uniform degree, and he has filled all the chairs in the subordinate lodge and served some time as recorder in the Uniform rank. In February, 1882, Mr. Schwartz married Miss Beana Zahn of Huntington, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Stauch) Zahn. Their marriage has been blessed with the following children: Carl, a machinist; Anna, now the wife of Mr. Claud Frary; Elizabeth, wife of Henry J. Scheerer; John, who is employed at the Rubber Works; Hannah, wife of Waldo Miller; Walter, deceased; Paul; Ruth, a student in the high school; and George, also in school.

JOHN S. GLENN. An old soldier, former postmaster of Huntington, and at one time county clerk of the county, Mr. Glenn has been prominent in affairs in this county for more than a quarter of a century. For a long period of years he was in the railroad service as engineer, and before his retirement from active affairs was long connected with the business management of the Huntington *Herald.* Few men are better known or held in higher esteem in Huntington county than John S. Glenn.

Born in Morgan county, Ohio, February 29, 1844, he is a son of Robert and Ann (Smith) Glenn, both of whom died at Van Wert, Ohio, where the active years of the father were spent as a farmer.

John Smith Glenn was educated in the common schools and in the high schools at Lima, Ohio. His early life was spent on the farm and at the age of nineteen he left the farm in 1863 and enlisted in Company K of the Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Colonel George W. Neff. His first duty was in garrison at Camp Chase, near Columbus, and his service as a soldier continued from July 11, 1863, to July 3, 1865, when he received his honorable discharge. Soon after the war, began his active experience in railroading. For one year he worked as fireman on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad, and for four years was fireman on the Pennsylvania. His promotion to locomotive engineer came during his service with the Pennsylvania main line, and later he was with the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad for four years with headquarters at Fort Wayne, Indiana. For fourteen years Mr. Glenn was an engineer on the Wabash. For several years his home was at Andrews, a railroad division point.

In the year 1886 he was elected county clerk of Huntington county and removed to the county seat, taking charge of his office in 1887. His election came on the republican ticket, and his service for four years was marked by exceptional efficiency and careful handling of all duties entrusted to his care. On retiring from the office of county clerk, Mr. Glenn took the business management of the Huntington *Herald,* and was identified with that leading journal for fourteen years. In 1901 at the

beginning of the administration, he was appointed postmaster of Huntington. Mr. Glenn while postmaster had charge of the administrative details in the inauguration of the many of the rural free delivery routes running out of Huntington.

On March 25, 1875, Mr. Glenn married Miss Laura M. Rundel, of Fort Wayne, a daughter of Isaac Rundel, who came from Ohio to Indiana and for many years resided at Fort Wayne. The two children of Mr. Glenn are: Robert R. Glenn, assistant postmaster at Huntington; and Ann, wife of Sumner Kenner, an attorney. The comfortable family residence is at 1047 Guilford street.

Though now retired from active affairs, Mr. Glenn still retains some interest in property and business matters, and is a director in the First National Bank of Huntington. In fraternal orders he has been prominent, especially in Masonry. His affiliations are with Amity Lodge No. 483, A. F. & A. M.; Huntington Chapter, No. 51, R. A. M.; Huntington Council, No. 35, R. & S. M.; Huntington Commandery, No. 35, K. T.; has taken thirty-two degrees of the Scottish Rite, and belongs to the Mizpah Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fort Wayne. As an old soldier, he is a member and past commander of James R. Slack Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. For forty years his membership has been with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and he is also affiliated with the Order of Elks. In politics he has been a stanch republican since casting his first vote during the sixties.

George M. Eberhart. For the past ten years one of the leading members of the Huntington county bar has been George M. Eberhart, a son of the pioneer farmer and citizen, the late Moritz Eberhart. His career as a lawyer has been marked by considerable participation in public affairs including two terms as prosecuting attorney, and he was recently the leading candidate of the republican party for the office of circuit judge.

George M. Eberhart was born two miles east of Bippus in Warren township June 16, 1876. His boyhood was spent on the old farm in that township, and by education in the local schools, he fitted himself for the work of teaching. His first license was obtained when he was nineteen years of age, and the next five years were spent in the school room, the last two in the Bippus schools. As a part of his earlier education, he was a student in the Central Normal College and the State Normal School, and in 1902 was graduated from the Indiana Law School at Indianapolis.

On January 1, 1903, Mr. Eberhart began the practice of law at Huntington. His work has brought him in connection with a large amount of the more important litigation in the local courts, and he has for several years been regarded as one of the ablest among the junior members of the local bar. In June, 1906, before the republican county convention he won the nomination by a handsome majority for prosecuting attorney, and in the following November was elected, leading both the county and state tickets in Huntington county. Two years later he was

reelected and his two terms were characterized by both efficiency and scrupulous integrity as a prosecutor. In 1912 after four candidates had entered the field Mr. Eberhart became a candidate for the republican nomination for circuit judge of the Fifty-Sixth Judicial circuit. The nomination was won by him by a large majority over his opponents, C. W. Watkins, John Q. Cline, John M. Sayler, and Clifford F. Jackman. The republican county convention was held on June 12, 1912. On June 18th following the famous national republican convention met in Chicago, and on August 5th, as a result of the previous republican convention, the progressive party held its national assemblage in Chicago. After that date the National campaign complicated local conditions, a local county progressive organization was formed, the republican party became split, and all the republican county candidates nominated in June were defeated in November, owing to the division in the ranks of the old republican party.

Mr. Eberhart is a member of the Presbyterian church, and fraternally is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On March 21, 1905, he was united in marriage with Lulu Graybill of Bippus.

Rev. Elmer Ward Cole. The year 1908 marked the beginning of the ministry of Rev. Cole for the Central Christian church at Huntington, he having at this time been selected to administer the affairs of one of the largest churches of the denomination in Indiana on account of his exceptional record of achievements in organization and in financial affairs and on account of his splendid reputation as a man of rare pulpit ability, of a strong personality and as a lover of his fellow-man. Each of the above characteristics has been developed in a marvelous degree with the succeeding years, until he holds a place in his community and in his denomination of which any man may well feel proud.

Elmer Ward Cole is a native of Iowa, born in Chariton, October 13, 1873. His parents were John C. and Emily A. (Lytton) Cole. His father, John C. Cole, was born in Litchfield, Illinois, and his mother in Fairfield, Iowa, where his father was one of the early and time-honored settlers. On locating in Lucas county, John C. Cole purchased a farm, where the best years of his life were devoted to agriculture and the raising of stock. His death occurred in Hutchinson, Kansas, in September, 1907, while visiting at the home of Reverend Cole. The mother now resides at Bellingham, Washington.

From childhood Reverend Cole had an insatiable desire for an education and at an early age chose the ministry as his profession. Through difficulties that to the vast majority would have appeared insurmountable he succeeded in obtaining the education to fit him for his chosen work. From the graded schools his training was continued four years in Tabor College, in Fremont county, Iowa, and two years in the University of Chicago, during all of which time he had no financial assistance from any person save himself. Working day and night to secure a livelihood and at the same time to equip himself for his life mission, he was pre-

pared to do some important pulpit supply work previous to accepting his first pastorate with the Central Christian church of La Junta, in the state of Colorado. After two years of most creditable service for this growing western church, Mr. Cole accepted a call to Falls City, Nebraska, where for four years he ministered to a most devoted people. The following five years were spent with one of the best churches of the denomination in Kansas, being located at Hutchinson. Throughout the central west Mr. Cole's name is one of the best known in his religious organization, not only on account of his reputation as a minister, but also by reason of his successful work on the Lyceum platform.

In June, 1908, Rev. Cole came to Huntington as pastor of the Central Christian church. This congregation numbers twelve hundred and the church home is one of the best religious edifices in this part of the state, having been erected at a cost of fifty thousand dollars. Its seating capacity is eighteen hundred and its equipment and furnishings are of the most modern type. Rev. Cole's following of young people is considered a remarkable feature of his work and he has the reputation of having united more young people in marriage during the past five years than any other person in the state.

Rev. Mr. Cole is well known in Masonic circles, holding his membership in the Huntington Blue Lodge, the Huntington Chapter of the Royal Arch and the Council and Commandery of the Knights Templar. He has also taken thirty-two degrees of the Scottish Rite and has membership in the Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Cole was an ardent promoter of the Commercial Association in Huntington and has served as one of its active directors since its organization.

In May, 1900, Rev. Cole was united in marriage with Alice L. West, daughter of Arthur T. and Sarah (Savage) West, she having been a college classmate of his in Tabor College. Mrs. Cole is a graduate of Tabor College, with the degree of A. B. and is a most cultured woman, presides with dignity over her own household and is an effective aid to her husband in his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole have two children—Ianthe Marie and Elmer Ward, Jr. The family residence is on the corner of Tipton and Warren streets, in Huntington.

Jesse M. Scudder. In one of the most exacting of the learned callings, Jesse M. Scudder has rapidly risen to success through the intelligent application of earnest and untiring effort. A product of the farm, he early gave up agricultural pursuits to obey the dictates of inclination, and within a few short years he has risen to the superintendency of the public schools of Huntington, a position which calls for the highest order of executive ability, business acumen far above the ordinary and a keen and thorough knowledge of a wide range of subjects. His administration of the affairs of his responsible office have been satisfactory to teachers, pupils and the public at large and few educators in Huntington county enjoy greater popularity.

Mr. Scudder was born on his father's farm in Shelby county, Indiana,

April 12, 1874, a son of Hezekiah and Martha (Avey) Scudder, natives of the Buckeye state. Hezekiah Scudder was born in Butler county, Ohio, but in 1860 removed to Shelby county, Indiana, where he purchased land and engaged actively in farming and stock raising. There he continued to follow his chosen vocation successfully, and at the time of his death, November 12, 1912, in his eighty-third year, was not alone in excellent financial circumstances, but possessed the good will and esteem of the people of his community. Mr. Scudder's mother is still living in Shelby county.

The early education of Jesse M. Scudder was secured in the district schools in the vicinity of his father's farm in Shelby county, and he was reared to habits of industry and thrift. His father was willing to give him good advantages, and for eighteen months he was a student in Bartholomew county, Indiana, where he attended Hartsville College. Succeeding this he furthered his studies in Muncie Normal Institute, and after the completion of his course there and his graduation, he entered upon his career as an educator. His early experience was in the country schools of Shelby county, where he spent eight years, but his ability and knowledge did not remain long unrecognized, for in 1905 he was made principal of the ward school in Huntington, a position which he held for some seven years, then coming to his present position as superintendent of the Huntington schools. Here he has jurisdiction over six buildings and a corps of sixty teachers, teaching eighteen hundred children, with three hundred and fifty pupils in the high school according to the figures of the year 1913. A man of indomitable energy, he has labored assiduously in behalf of his community's welfare, and in return he possesses the community's confidence in a high degree.

Mr. Scudder was married in 1898 to Miss Alice F. Nelson, of Shelbyville, daughter of Leander and Ann (Alter) Nelson. To this union there have been born four bright and interesting children, two pairs of twins: Arthur and Elizabeth, and Martha and Margaret. Mr. Scudder has a pleasant residence at 958 Salamonie avenue, a center of refinement and culture, and the scene of many social gatherings, as both he and his wife are popular in social circles of the city. They are members of the Central Christian Church of Huntington, and have taken an active part in its movements. Mr. Scudder's only fraternal connection is with the Knights of Pythias.

Rev. John F. Noll. The City of Huntington, long prominent as the center of Catholic population and influence, has special reason to be grateful to the present pastor of St. Mary's Church. Father Noll, as a priest, has not only the energy and zeal befitting the incumbent of so important a parish, but is already one of the leading Catholic churchmen of the state and nation. He is the founder of Huntington's largest printing and publishing house, supervises the publication of periodical literature distributed all over the country, and by his breadth of mind and vision is performing a work far wider than the limits of his own Church.

John Francis Noll was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on January 25, 1875. His education was in the Cathedral Brothers' school until he was thirteen years of age, when he went to St. Lawrence College at Mount Calvary, Wisconsin, to study for the priesthood. After five years there he entered Mount St. Mary's Seminary, at Cincinnati, for the study of philosophy and theology. In the Cathedral at Fort Wayne, on June 4, 1898, Bishop Rademacher ordained him to the priesthood. His first appointment was that of assistant to Rev. Henry Boeckelmann, at Elkhart, from which place he was sent to assist Rev. B. Kroeger, at Logansport, from December, 1898, to February, 1899. From the latter date to June, 1902, he was pastor of Ligonier and missions. In June, 1902, Bishop Alerding transferred him to Besancon, where he continued his labors until July 11, 1906. At that date he went to Hartford City, with Montpelier as a mission. The work of giving missions to non-Catholics was also entrusted to Father Noll, who did that work as time and circumstances permitted.

During his pastorate at Hartford City, Father Noll began the publication of a magazine known as the "Parish Monthly." This supplied a high-class, thirty-two page "insert," to which pastors throughout the United States add parish items and other local information, and distribute as a local production. The "Parish Monthly" now has a circulation of 75,000.

On July 6, 1910, Rev. Noll was transferred to St. Mary's Church, Huntington. This parish has church property valued at $150,000, and is entirely free from debt. In December, 1911, Father Noll started a publishing establishment, which within a year grew to be Huntington's largest printing plant. In May, 1912, he began the publication of a National Catholic Weekly, known as "Our Sunday Visitor," and within one year this weekly acquired a circulation of 135,000, and now has a circulation of 370,000—two years after its first issue. At the present time more than thirty persons are employed in the publication plant of "Our Sunday Visitor." In this work Father Noll is ably assisted by Rev. George Moorman. Since coming to Huntington Father Noll has made some extensive improvements in the parish property of St. Mary's. He has had a remarkably busy and effective career, and yet with all his labors has found time for individual authorship, and several of his publications have gone through twelve or fifteen editions. Most of his books aim at creating a friendly feeling between Catholics and Protestants. The titles of some are: "For Our Non-Catholic Friends," "The Fairest Argument," "When Informed Protestants Speak Their Convictions," "Kind Words From Your Pastor," "Your Parish Church," "Father Smith Instructs Jackson," "The Parochial School" and several others.

A school which has a large attendance adjoins St. Mary's Church, the curriculum of which includes a business and commercial course and two years of high school work. This parochial school is a free school.

Father Noll is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and is a member of the Commercial and Cosmopolitan Clubs of Huntington.

Heber P. Harter. One of the live young business men of Huntington is Heber P. Harter, a dealer in real estate, and his active enterprise has come into prominence recently through his subdivision and sale of Hawley Heights, one of the most sightly and desirable suburban locations, overlooking the city of Huntington.

Mr. Harter is a native of the city of Huntington, and a son of Edwin and Lucy (Purviance) Harter. His mother is connected with several of the most prominent families of Huntington county. She is a sister of Harmon Purviance, prominent as a furniture merchant and a former senator. Her father was Samuel Purviance, an old resident and citizen much respected for his many sterling qualities. Mrs. Harter was reared and educated in Huntington, and was married to Edwin Harter in 1872. Her mother was Elizabeth Jane (Montgomery) Purviance. Edwin Harter was for a number of years engaged in merchandising in Huntington, and more recently has carried on an extensive business in bill posting. Their home is on North Jefferson street, one of the best residence thoroughfares in the city. Edwin Harter and wife have four children: Jean Harter, a graduate of the Huntington high school accomplished in music and a teacher in Indianapolis; Lyle H. Harter, who lives with her aunt in Indianapolis; Helen Harter, who is connected with the United Board of Charities of Cleveland, Ohio, and is a graduate of the Huntington high school.

Heber P. Harter, the only son, received his education in the grade and high schools of Huntington, being graduated from the latter. He early chose a business career and got most of his business experience as a real estate man in Oklahoma, where he was well trained by the vigorous competition existing in that state. Returning to his native city, he opened an office, and has done a big business in subdividing and disposing of the lots on Hawley Heights.

Oliver C. Whitling. It is as an oil producer that Mr. Whitling is best known to the citizenship of Huntington county, and for the past six years has operated in the field in Salamonie township. Like the majority of successful men in his profession, Mr. Whitling has courage and aggressive enterprise, and his judgment has been ripened by practically a lifelong experience in the oil fields of his native state of Pennsylvania and in various states of the middle west. Mr. Whitling considers himself a permanent resident of Huntington county, and outside of his private business is thoroughly interested in all movements concerning the local welfare.

His birth occurred in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1874. His parents, John and Mary (Neely) Whitling, are still residents of the Keystone state. The father was an oil producer in Pennsylvania, having been identified with the business from the early days, and under his tutelage the son was practically educated in the business from early youth. He had a substantial common school education, attending school until he was sixteen, but for several years previously had followed his father and had been variously engaged in the oil fields. There is practically no phase of the oil business from a productive standpoint in which

Mr. Whitling has not a thorough experience. He has done work as a pumper, driller, prospector, and has a wide acquaintance among oil men all over the country. From Pennsylvania he moved into the oil fields of Ohio, and worked as a pumper for several years, and came to Indiana in the same capacity. Subsequently he engaged in drilling new wells in Indiana, and purchasing an outfit of tools did work as a contractor for several years. Three years were also spent in the fields of Illinois.

In 1908 Mr. Whitling bought the lease from the Crude Oil Company in Huntington county, and for the past six years has operated largely in Salamonie township. He also acquired, by purchase, a piece of land a mile and three quarters southwest of Warren, and has his permanent home there, while his operations take him to different sections in the oil fields of this part of the state.

In June, 1899, Mr. Whitling married Ida Maloney. She is a native of Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of two children, Ray W., born in 1900, and Helen G., born in 1903. Ray has already finished the course in the common schools, while Helen is still a student. Mr. Whitling and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Warren, and he is a steward in the society. He takes much interest in Masonry, and is affiliated with the King Lodge No. 246, A. F. & A. M., and is at present Worshipful Master of the Lodge, while his higher degrees are with Bluffton Chapter No. 75, R. A. M., at Bluffton. A democrat in politics, he has never taken any part in practical politics.

D. Yingling, M. D. The subject of this memoir presents the traits of two nations, remarkable for strength of character and oppositeness. His German ancestry gives to him the patient plodding feature, his Scottish lineage a studiousness along with vivacity, and a desire "to prove all things, and hold on to that which is good." That these traits are characteristic of the man, even ordinary observation confirms.

Dr. Yingling was born in Maryland, November 27, 1839. He was placed at school at the age of six years, and continued to attend nine months each year until he was seventeen, when he spent one year and a half in the states of Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota. Minnesota was at that time still under a territorial form of government. After returning to his home in Maryland he entered Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, where on account of ill health and limited means he was not able to complete the full course. In the fall of 1859 he became a tutor in the Hagerstown Academy at Maryland, a well known institution, and occupied that position for two years, or until the beginning of the war when the school was closed. Subsequently he entered upon the study of medicine and graduated at a medical college in Cincinnati, Ohio, in April, 1865. Immediately thereafter, he located in Huntington, Indiana, where he has acquired an enviable reputation in his profession. During the winter of 1869-70 the doctor attended a full course of lectures in Bellvue Medical College, New York, and has since attended several courses of post-graduate medical lectures in Chicago. The doctor contends that physicians though advanced in years, while engaged in the practice owe

it to their patrons to be studious and keep in close touch with all new discoveries in medicine, or in other words should keep pace with the march of medical science, and we have reason to believe that he "practices what he preaches," a fact which, coupled with his long experience in the practice, eminently fits him for the business he follows. The doctor is in excellent health, and says he has not yet felt the weight of age, and seems as spry and as active as many men fifteen or twenty years younger. Cold weather and visiting patients at night are the only limitations to his present activities. He has served several times on the Board of Health as secretary and also as president and is a member of the Board of Public Works of Huntington.

On February 19, 1879, the doctor was married to Corrilla Beistle of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Clara, their only child, was married to Arthur H. Sapp, an attorney, in October, 1909. Mr. Sapp was born and reared in Ravenna, Ohio. He is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. He is also a graduate of the Indiana Law School, and is now practicing law in Huntington, in partnership with Otto H. Krieg. Helen Louise, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Sapp, was born January 19, 1913.

In order to find relaxation from the arduous cares of professional life at different times, Dr. Yingling has made tours to various sections of the country, and as these trips formed important epochs in his life's experience an outline of his travels in what was then known as the wild west before he located in Huntington will not be out of place. One of his tours was across the plains in 1864 to Virginia City, Montana, where gold had been discovered the year before, and was supposed to abound in inexhaustible quantities. He took the familiar "Salt Lake Route" as far as the Red Buttes, one hundred and fifty miles northwest of Fort Laramie on the Upper Platte River. From that point he went via "Bridger's Cut Off," an entirely new route, which was across Powder River, really as dry as powder when the doctor crossed it, over the Black Hills, through the Big Horn Mountain Country, along the base of the Rocky Mountains and across the mountain branches of the Yellow Stone River. The method of travel was with oxen and the famed prairie schooner. The latter was loaded to the bows with provisions, so all the sleep enjoyed in the trip of fifteen hundred miles, requiring eighty-four days one way, was in a small muslin tent. This route, however, was not a desirable one for pleasure seekers. Water and grass were scarce, in the Powder River country, alarmingly so to the doctor and those with whom he was traveling. Despair was written on the face of every member of the company when in that region, and they were only saved a terrible death by a sagacious dog. The animal's instinct led him to water some ten miles distant, and on his return with wet hair, the party took the direction whence he came, and found water in abundance. The dog was an unusually large one, and very dignified in his bearing and a great favorite with the whole company, which consisted of about one hundred men. After that incident he was a hero and received a pat on the head or back whenever he came in contact with any of the parties

rescued. Dire threats made against him by farmers in the neighborhood where he was raised in Ohio because of his fondness for mutton, caused his master, who was very much attached to him, to take him along on the trip, in order to save him an untimely wind-up of an inglorious career at his home, interspersed with escape from flying bullets, curses, etc., when on nightly visits to sheep pastures.

On the way to the much coveted water, as the oxen were known to be very thirsty, it was agreed among the company that just before reaching the water, each man should throw off one or more of the yokes, so as to free the animals from the wagons. When several miles from the streams, the animals showed evidence of scenting water by elevating their heads and quickening their pace. It was realized that unless the beasts were freed from the wagons, no ordinary power could restrain them from plunging headlong into the pool with the wagons. After the doctor had performed that part of the duty assigned to him, the first thing he knew until after a refreshing drink was had by lying on the bank of a nice stream of water, was to find one very large ox standing in the water quite near him on the left and another on the right, leaving simply space enough to get his head between them to the water. The stream was nearly banked full, but only two or three feet deep. The whole company and oxen drank copiously but none seemed to suffer from the replenishment.

Another incident was an interview with a grizzly bear. On this journey one of the party, Mr. Popenoe, once rode in advance of the company, and passing through a skirt of woods on a spur of the Rockies into an opening, found an enormous grizzly bear, standing erect, taking a survey of the intruder. The meeting was unexpected. The words of the doctor will best describe the scene. Mr. Popenoe brought his pony to a halt. The interview was conducted in pantomime, and somewhat hurriedly. Bruin finished his performance first and manifested a desire to leave the stage. Mr. Popenoe, who had never attempted such a part before, was somewhat dashed, and fearing a breakdown he acquiesced in Bruin's intimation to postpone the interview, and with becoming speed returned to the party to recount the particulars of the most momentous occasion known to him. In the absence of Bruin he was the hero of the hour.

In a souvenir edition published at the laying of the corner-stone of the Huntington County Courthouse on Wednesday, September 13, 1904, we find the following: "About 1900 it began to be whispered about that we were nearly out of debt and some general talk was indulged in about a new courthouse, but the politicians of both parties fought shy of the proposition, and it dragged along until in the summer of 1902. A petition was circulated about this time, but less than a hundred freeholders signed it, and the project was dropped. About this time Dr. Yingling's attention was called to the matter and he became interested in it. To him to become interested in anything for the betterment of Huntington was to become an agitator, and to become an agitator meant to become a worker, until the idea crystalized into an accomplished

fact. He talked and wrote and planned, until success crowned his efforts and he was able to lay before the board of county commissioners a petition signed by more than five hundred reputable resident freeholders of Huntington county. The law required five hundred. As a result, Huntington county has one of the finest courthouses in the state, at a reasonable cost of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars."

In conclusion it may be stated that few individuals in this county during the last half century have manifested a more practical public spirit in behalf of all matters of community growth and progress. His three terms on the Huntington school board should not be omitted. No profession than medicine has a more intimate value to mankind, and while his regular work has borne all the fruits of quiet and useful achievements his interests have always been broader than his profession, and his citizenship has been hardly less in importance than his value as a skillful and kindly doctor.

JOHN P. KRIEGBAUM. As business men of Huntington none have been better known or regarded with greater esteem than the members of the Kriegbaum family. In the business district, at one of the eligible sites in Huntington, is now located the large three-story brick block with the name Kriegbaum Brothers engraved on its upper front, and housing the largest stock of its kind in Huntington county. The firm of Kriegbaum Brothers is incorporated with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, and it deals in engines, threshing machines, binders, mowers, drills, Star wind pumps, and in wood and coal, doing both a wholesale and retail business in the latter department. This business has been in existence on a progressive scale in Huntington for more than a quarter of a century. The name and house have always represented not only good and profitable business but to a large number of citizens have stood for the sterling character and fine integrity which are intimately associated with the Kriegbaum name.

Mr. John P. Kriegbaum, the Huntington representative of the business, was born in Cedarville, Ohio, August 13, 1863. His parents were Philip and Mary (Huben) Kriegbaum. His father, who was born in Germany in Hesse-Darmstadt, where he received his education, in 1849 emigrated to the United States and after living a time in Oldtown, Ohio, moved to Cedarville, Ohio, at which place he operated a flax mill for a long time. From there he moved to Covington, Ohio, and on January 25, 1886, located in Huntington, Indiana.

In Huntington he became identified with the hardware and implement trade under the firm name of Kriegbaum and Sons. Four of his sons were interested in the business. In 1886 they established a hardware store at Warren, Indiana, under the firm name of Kriegbaum & Sons, and the business was later expanded by the addition of stocks in implements and coal. The Warren establishment is still conducted under the same name. The father, until his death, was interested in both stores. In 1906 was built in Huntington the brick block above mentioned, occupying ground space sixty-seven by one hundred and thirty-three

feet. It is a most solid and substantial structure, three floors and a basement, and furnishes room for the large and well selected stock carried by the company, including merchandise of every kind required by the agricultural trade in addition to coal and wood. As already stated the firm conducts the largest business of its kind in Huntington county. John P. Kriegbaum has three brothers: George D. and Albert are at the head of the business in Warren, while Edward W. died in March, 1911.

Mr. John P. Kriegbaum, who stands at the head of the firm in Huntington, is a most active and thorough business man. He has lived in Huntington county since he was twenty-two years of age, having acquired his education and his early business training in Ohio. Due to his careful and honest manner of doing business he has for years enjoyed an unassailable reputation, and what John P. Kriegbaum says has come to be accepted as reliable and a guaranty to his many customers, a large number of whom have traded with him continuously over a long period of years. Besides his local business Mr. Kriegbaum is owner of a good farm in Huntington township, comprising one hundred and eleven acres. The land is well improved and cultivated and has excellent buildings.

In September, 1891, Mr. Kriegbaum married Miss Anna Smith, a daughter of Albert C. Smith, an old resident of Huntington county. Mr. Smith originally came from Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Kriegbaum have been born seven children, all of them sons, mentioned as follows: James, who is with his father; Albert, Arthur, Walter, Brice, Edward and Howard attending school and living at home. Mr. Kriegbaum has a fine residence on North Jefferson street in Huntington.

Harold Guthrie. The public business and records of Huntington county has never been entrusted to more efficient hands than to the present county auditor, Harold Guthrie, who entered upon his official duties in January, 1912, for the regular term of four years. Mr. Guthrie has been a resident of Huntington county almost continuously for nearly fifty years, his family having located here when he was a boy. His active career has been divided between farming and contracting, and as a citizen his popularity has been of that type which is only extended to men of the highest integrity and public usefulness.

Harold Guthrie was born in Warren county, Ohio, in July, 1855, so that he was nine years of age when the family moved to Huntington county. His parents were John C. and Martha (Hunter) Guthrie, the former a native of Ohio, where he grew to manhood and was married. Grandfather William G. Guthrie was born in Virginia, became a pioneer settler in Ohio, and served as a soldier in the war of 1812, taking part in a battle fought on the site of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The maternal grandfather was Thomas Hunter, an old resident of Warren county, Ohio, where the Hunter family of Welsh ancestry were among the pioneers. In 1864, John C. Guthrie and family moved to Huntington county, where he bought a small farm and became a general farmer and stock raiser. Both he and his wife lived on that farm until his death. They

in their community.

Harold Guthrie was educated by attending country schools, and what knowledge was not supplied by books he acquired from practical experience in farm work in which there was never any insufficiency. His early years were thus divided between farm and school, attending the latter chiefly in the winter seasons, and working at the plow and in the harvest during the open months of the year. When he was twenty-one years of age he started farming for himself, and a few years later, in 1880, established his own home when he married Miss Elma Kelsey, of Allen county, Indiana. Her father was Henry S. Kelsey. After his marriage Mr. Guthrie engaged as a contractor and builder, and spent about seven years in the states of Kansas and Nebraska. Returning to Huntington county, he resumed his career as a farmer, and has also done considerable building contracting in this section of the state.

Early in life Mr. Guthrie made up his mind as to his political principles, and has been a stanch supporter of the democratic party for many years. For some time he has been regarded as a leader in the local offices, and has served as a member of the Democratic County Central Committee, also on the City Central Committee and has attended conventions both county and state. A few years ago Mr. Guthrie was an active candidate for the office of auditor, and as claimed by his party, was actually elected, but as a result of errors was counted out of the race. In 1910, in the fall of that year he was elected auditor by a substantial vote and according to the law now prevailing in Indiana, an entire year elapsed before he took charge of the office, so that his official term began in January, 1912. He is a trusted and efficient county officer and is making an enviable record.

Mr. Guthrie is affiliated with the Huntington Lodge No. 42, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Huntington. Besides other interests, he owns considerable city property.

Russell S. Galbreath, M. D. One of the younger physicians of Huntington county, Dr. Galbreath has made an excellent record in his profession since opening his office at Huntington in 1911. From the first he was recognized as a young man of high standards, and exceptional equipment, and in the fall of 1912 was honored by the citizens on election to the office of coroner.

Russell S. Galbreath was born in Whitley county, Indiana, December 1, 1887. His parents are Martin L. and Ellen (Puterbaugh) Galbreath, his father being a native of Kosciusko county, Indiana. Martin L. Galbreath has long been one of the prominent men of Whitley county, spending his early career as a farmer and stockman, and later his interests and activities extending to banking. On the organization of the Farmers Trust Company at Columbia City, Indiana, he was made man-

ager, and still holds that position. There his farming interests are likewise extensive.

Dr. Russell S. Galbreath spent his boyhood in Whitley county, and most of his education was obtained from the Columbia City high schools, where he was graduated in 1907. He soon afterward entered the medical department of the Northwestern University of Chicago, where he completed the prescribed course, and was graduated M. D. with the class of 1911. Already he had selected his place for practice and at once opened his office in Huntington. The doctor was soon established on a prosperous basis, and now has about all the practice he can attend to. His medical library and equipment of instruments and other facilities for practice will compare with those of many older physicians.

During the first year of his residence in Huntington county, Dr. Galbreath served as deputy coroner, under Dr. Wilking. In November, 1912, he was elected coroner of Huntington county, for the regular term of one year. He was also the first medical inspector of school children, but resigned the office to accept that of coroner, in which he has proved a capable official. Among other professional relations he has membership in the Huntington County Medical Society, and the State Medical Society. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Tribe of Ben Hur, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and is medical examiner for all these well known fraternities. On the democratic side he takes an active part in political affairs, and in every way is a most genial gentleman. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Galbreath in 1910 married Miss Flossie Beezley. They are the parents of one son, Robert.

Henry W. Hoch. The Huntington Brewing Company, of which Mr. Hoch is president and treasurer, operates a plant in the city of Huntington which for thirty years or more has been one of the substantial institutions of both city and county. Under the present management the business has been kept up to the very highest standards, its product is regarded as unexcelled among Indiana breweries, and is widely distributed over a large territory. The brewery, which under successive managements and changes, is now known as the Huntington Brewing Company's Plant was established in 1870 by Jacob Boos, and was managed by Mr. Boos very successfully until 1890. His successor was Carl Lang, who continued the business and made a number of improvements. In 1901 Mr. Lang disposed of his interests to the Huntington Brewing Company. The Huntington Brewing Company was incorporated in 1901, with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars. It was at that time that Mr. Hoch became president and treasurer, and has since continued in active direction of the company's local affairs. The brewery is a large structure, in which is installed the latest improved machinery and facilities for the manufacture of high class malt products. The capacity is eighteen thousand barrels a year. A large share of this

product goes to supply the local trade, but much is shipped to neighboring towns and villages throughout this section of Indiana.

Henry W. Hoch is a master of his business, and knows it in every detail from the technical processes to the business end. He is a native of the state of Wisconsin, born in the city of Waukesha, July 23, 1859. His parents, William and Martha (Wiggs) Hoch, were both born in Germany, and came to the United States when very young. Henry W. Hoch was educated first in the public schools, later in the State University of Wisconsin at Madison, and subsequently took a commercial course in a school at Minneapolis. His regular business career began as a bookkeeper and he served under several different firms. In Chicago he was employed in a wholesale grocery house, and from there went to Marquette, Michigan, where he established a plant for the bottling of soft drinks, and also did business for a local brewing company. His mastery of the brewing business and his general ability gradually enlarged his interests, and for more than ten years he has been at the head of one of Huntington's important establishments.

Mr. Hoch married Miss Ida Thoney, a daughter of John Thoney, an old resident of Marquette, Michigan. They are the parents of three children: Edna M., who is a graduate in music from St. Mary's, Notre Dame; Arthur R., a graduate of the Huntington high school and now a student in his father's alma mater, the State University of Wisconsin; and Mildred L., a student in St. Mary's parochial school at Huntington. Mr. Hoch and family are communicants of the Catholic faith.

Mr. Hoch is a democrat and was alderman in Marquette, Michigan. He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, being a trustee in both organizations and is also a member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

THOMAS J. SICKAFOOSE. If success in the world is measured by the attainments of sufficient of the world's goods to satisfy all the needs of a family, and by service in all the posts to which public responsibility calls, then Thomas J. Sickafoose is properly regarded as one of Huntington county's successful men. Forty-five years ago when he married he had nothing except ability of his hands, and a first-class reputation for honesty and industry. Since then he has acquired a fine homestead, has provided liberally for himself and family, and is one of the most substantial citizens in Clear Creek township. Previous to that he had given loyal service to his country as a soldier of the Union army, and in his subsequent career he has served as township assessor, as justice of the peace and as notary public.

Thomas J. Sickafoose was born in Washington township of Whitley county, Indiana, February 17, 1844, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Becher) Sickafoose. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and the mother of Ohio. Michael Sickafoose was taken to Stark county, Ohio, when two years of age, and grew up there and was married. The family moved to Indiana, about 1842, locating in Whitley county, where the parents spent the rest of their lives. The father was the owner of

254 acres of land, and by hard work acquired considerable prosperity. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. There were eleven children in the family, two of whom are living at this time. The brother of Thomas Sickafoose is Andrew J., a substantial farmer of Whitley county.

Thomas J. Sickafoose spent his early years on a farm in Whitley county. His education was such as was afforded by the common schools, during his youth, and during the five years of his school age he had the privilege of attending the school about three months each year. However, he managed to acquire a substantial training, and has always been a man interested in affairs, and has done a great deal of reading.

He was about seventeen years old when the war broke out. On September 22, 1862, he enlisted in Company E of the Fifty-fourth Indiana Infantry. This regiment was in the Fourth Army Corps. He went to Indianapolis with his command in December, 1862, going first to Memphis, Tennessee. In the following year he participated in the campaigns and series of engagements which led up to the siege and capture of Vicksburg. At Chickasaw Bluff he was twice wounded. He was in the battle of Arkansas Post, while among the troops under the command of General Grant, and was in many fights, and finally was present at the surrender of Vicksburg in July, 1863. After fourteen months of active service, he received his honorable discharge and returned home on January 1, 1864. Mr. Sickafoose had a brother, John, who enlisted in the Fifth Indiana Battery of Columbia City, Indiana, in 1861. His battery was in the Army of the Cumberland and served till July, 1864. He was shot through the hips by a sharpshooter and died July 17, 1864.

After several years spent in Whitley county, and in getting his first experiences as a farmer and business man, Mr. Sickafoose was married in January 28, 1868, to Mary J. Kimmel of Whitley county. Mrs. Sickafoose was born in the state of Illinois, May 3, 1844. When three years of age was taken by her people to Stark county, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood, and she also spent three years in Virginia. She received her education in the district schools, and in 1863, her family moved to Whitley county.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sickafoose started out on a rented farm and were very poor for several years. By hard work and close economy, they managed to have a little more at the end of the year than they had at the beginning, and prosperity finally began to come in larger measure. Mr. Sickafoose in those early years was employed in a sawmill and at the carpenter's trade. The basis of his present success may be said to have been established about 1878, when he bought twenty acres of land. He has gone on increasing his property until he now owns one hundred and sixty acres, comprising one of the best farms in Clear Creek township. Mr. and Mrs. Sickafoose are the parents of two children: Minor L., born November 7, 1868, married Emma Summers, and is a farmer and operates a threshing outfit; Eva M., born August 4, 1873, is the wife of M. O. Sprinkle, a resident of Clear Creek township. The family are members of the United Brethren

church at Goblesville, and Mr. Sickafoose is corresponding secretary of the Young People's Endeavor Society. In politics he is an old-line republican, and has voted for that party since he came out of the army.

JOHN F. MAURER, JR. One of the admirably improved landed estates that lend to the attractions and industrial prestige of Huntington county is the fine Greenwood Stock & Poultry Farm, of which the progressive and enterprising proprietor is Mr. Maurer—a citizen of distinctive loyalty and public spirit and one who stands representative of the best element in the community life. He is a substantial and prominent exponent of the live-stock and poultry industries in this part of the state and is well entitled to consideration in this history. His splendid farm is most eligibly situated, as it is but three miles distant from the county court house, in the city of Huntington, and is located on the well improved Mount Etna turnpike road, recognized as one of the model thoroughfares of this section of the state.

Mr. Maurer takes a due measure of pride and satisfaction in reverting to the fine old Hoosier State as the place of his nativity, and here he has found ample opportunity for the achieving of definite independence and prosperity. He was born in Wabash county, Indiana, on the 13th of October, 1863, and is a son of John F. and Mary E. (Clupper) Maurer, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania and both of staunch German lineage. The parents of the subject of this review were young at the time when the respective families were founded in Indiana, and their marriage was solemnized in Wabash county, this state, where they still maintain their home, sterling and honored citizens who are well known throughout the county that has long been their home and in which John F. Maurer, Sr., who is now living virtually retired, is a substantial and influential citizen. Of the four children, John F., Jr., of this sketch, is the eldest; George G. is a prosperous farmer in Wabash county, as is also William L.; and Charles C. is now a resident of Portland, Oregon.

He whose name introduces this article was reared on the old homestead farm of his parents, in Wabash county, and he continued to attend the district schools until he was sixteen years of age, the foundation thus laid having proved an adequate basis for the substantial superstructure of broad information and mature judgment that represent his intellectuality at the present time. He continued to assist his father in the work and management of the home farm until he was twenty-four years of age, but soon after attaining to his legal majority he had initiated independent operations in connection with the important line of industry under the influence of which he had been reared. For several years he farmed on rented land in his native county and finally he became the owner of eighty acres of land in Miami county. Industry and energy brought their rewards, and increasing prosperity attended the well ordered endeavors of Mr. Maurer. He finally disposed of his property in Miami county, and on the 13th of October, 1904, he came to Huntington county, where he purchased his present fine farm, which comprises

120 acres and which was formerly owned by Francis B. Fulton. He has made many improvements on the place, especially in equipping the same with the most modern facilities requisite in connection with the raising of high-grade live stock, to which branch of farm industry he gives special attention, as does he also the raising of fine poultry. He is one of the leading exponents of these important lines of enterprise in Huntington county and as a man and a progressive and public-spirited citizen he has inviolable place in popular confidence and esteem.

The basic principles of the Republican party have always received the stanch support of Mr. Maurer, and while he has not been imbued with any aspiration for official preferment he is distinctively broad-minded and progressive in his civic attitude. Both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church in the Greenwood neighborhood and in the same he is specially active in the work of the Sunday school, of which he is serving as treasurer at the time of this writing, in 1913.

In connection with the activities of his farm it may be stated that Mr. Maurer has been specially prominent and successful in the breeding of registered Chester White swine, and on the place he has at all times specimens of the highest grade. He finds ready demand for his hogs on the part of other breeders, and has conducted a number of public sales of his fine stock in this line. He has been likewise successful in the breeding of fine poultry and is one of the leading exponents of this line of enterprise in his home county, raising Barred Plymouths and Buff Orpingtons.

On March 22, 1888, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Maurer to Miss Mary E. McClain, who was born and reared in Miami county, this state, and who is the gracious and popular chatelaine of their attractive and hospitable home. They have three children, all of whom remain at the parental home. Clara and Hazel are graduates of the graded schools, and Floyd, the only son, was born June 9, 1902, and is now in the fifth grade of the public schools. The pretty home of Mr. Maurer is known as "The Greenwood Stock and Poultry Farm."

Dennis Summers. After years of earnest and fruitful endeavor Mr. Summers is now living virtually retired in the pleasant little village of Goblesville and is known and honored as one of the sterling citizens of Huntington county, which has represented his home since his boyhood days and in which he was long and successfully identified with the great basic industry of agriculture. He is a member of one of the worthy pioneer families of this county, within whose borders his parents established their residence more than sixty years ago, and he has witnessed and assisted in the development of the industrial resources of the county, the while he has stood exponent of loyal and progressive citizenship, with his course so ordered as to win and retain to him the confidence and high regard of all who know him.

Dennis Summers was born in Knox township, Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 4th of May, 1844, and is a son of James and Susana (White-

leather) Summers. In the paternal line the genealogy is traced back to stanch Switzerland origin and the mother is of Hessian parentage. The progenitors of the American branch of the Summers family came from Germany about the time of the war of the Revolution. James Summers was a son of Andrew Summers and the maiden name of his mother was Sentz. Andrew Summers was a son of Peter and Ella (Estey) Summers, the family name having been long and worthily identified with the annals of American progress. On the 15th of November, 1851, James Summers arrived with his family in Huntington county, whither he came from the old home in Ohio. He first occupied a little stone house that stood on the site of the present Knights of Pythias Home, and in the spring of 1852 he removed to a tract of land which he had purchased in Clear Creek township. There he devoted himself earnestly and indefatigably to the development of his farm and there he continued to reside until his death, which occurred on the 26th of February, 1863. His widow survived him by more than forty years and remained on the old homestead until she too was summoned to the life eternal, on the 12th of February, 1909. She attained to venerable age and was one of the oldest and best loved pioneer women of the county at the time of her demise. Of the ten children only three are living, and of these Dennis, of this review, is the eldest; Sarah is the wife of Reuben Hoops and they reside in the state of California, their home being at Marion, San Bernardino county; and Diana resides in the city of Muncie, Indiana.

Dennis Summers was a lad of six years at the time of the family removal from Ohio to Huntington county, and here he was reared to maturity under the sturdy discipline of the home farm, the while he duly availed himself of the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period. He had full appreciation of the independence and opportunities offered in connection with agricultural pursuits, and to the same he paid continuous and effective allegiance during the course of a long and active career. He became the owner of one of the finely improved farms of Clear Creek township, and this valuable estate of 50 acres he continued to retain in his possession until February, 1913, when he disposed of the property on favorable terms, his years of close and able application having gained to him a substantial competency, so that the gracious evening of his life is assured of prosperity and most pleasing environments, now that he has retired from the active labors that long engrossed his time and attention. He is the owner of valuable real-estate in the city of Huntington, judicial center of the county, and also in the village of Goblesville, where his holdings include his attractive residence property. Mr. Summers has contributed a generous quota to the industrial and civic progress and upbuilding of the county in which he has resided from his childhood, and he has been significantly liberal and public-spirited in his attitude. For fully twenty years he served as supervisor of Clear Creek township, and his long incumbency of this important office was fruitful in the promotion of the best interests of his township, besides being indicative of the unqualified confidence and

esteem in which he is held in the community. For eight years he was superintendent of the Columbia City pike road, one of the finest gravel roads traversing Huntington county. In politics Mr. Summers has been a stalwart advocate of the basic principles of the republican party, to which he still pays allegiance, as a member of its progressive wing. He is affiliated with West Point Lodge, No. 688, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in their pleasant home in the village of Goblesville he and his wife find satisfaction in extending cordial welcome to their wide circle of friends.

On the 26th of June, 1864, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Summers to Miss Sevillah Hinline, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, October 1, 1842, her parents having come to Indiana in the following year and having established their residence in Huntington county, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Summers became the parents of eleven children, and of the number six are living, a brief record concerning them being given in conclusion of this review: Carrie is the wife of Charles Swank, a farmer of Clear Creek township; Emma is the wife of Minor Sickafoose; Della is the wife of Asa Goble; Amanda is the wife of Ora Goble; Laura is the wife of Christopher Grupe and they reside in the city of Buffalo, New York; and Ivy is the wife of Albert Kaylor, a resident of Clear Creek township.

JOHN M. MCCOMBS. About forty years ago Mr. McCombs first became identified with Huntington county as a teacher in one of its district schools. He did excellent work as a teacher, and there are many men and women now in active life who speak kindly of his influence and his work as a teacher in relation to their own young careers. For a long time Mr. McCombs has been identified with agricultural interests, and now has a good country home in section twenty-one of Clear Creek township.

John M. McCombs was born in Boone township of Cass county, Indiana, December 29, 1852, a son of John and Alice (Garrett) McCombs. His father was born at Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1812, and died January 12, 1864. His wife was born in South Carolina in 1822 and died in January, 1889. She came to Indiana with her parents when she was ten years of age, and was thus among the early settlers. John McCombs, the father, came to Indiana in 1835 with three brothers, and they are among the early settlers in Cass county. The maternal grandfather Garrett put up the first grist mill at Logansport, and his name is mentioned in the history of that county as the pioneer miller of Logansport. John McCombs and wife were married in Cass county, and their lives were spent as prosperous and substantial farmers, their home being on the west side of Royal Center. There the elder John McCombs lived from 1836 until his death in 1864. A man of practical affairs, he was also devoted to his church, and was a useful member of the community during its early development. There were fourteen children in the family, and ten are living at the present time, namely: Henry, of Cass county; Malinda, wife of James Fry, of Royal Center; Martha, wife of

R. V. Jones, of Boone township in Cass county; Mary, wife of Isaac L. Washburn of Star City; Naomi, wife of Thomas Simmons, a retired farmer; Lucinda, wife of Leonard Cast, of Phoenix, Arizona; Melissa, wife of Charles Wells of Kansas; Catherine, wife of Allen Reichart; and George B. McCombs, of Pulaski county, Indiana. John M. McCombs was reared on the old farm adjoining Royal Center, in Cass county. Such education as he obtained during his boyhood was given at the public schools of Royal Center, and his preparation for work as a teacher was finished in the Logansport Normal School. His first school was taught when he was sixteen years of age. After that he was actively identified with the work of education for fourteen terms, in Cass, Carroll and Huntington counties.

On March 30, 1873, Mr. McCombs married Anna E. Steele, of Huntington county. Her parents, William and Nancy L. Steele, were substantial farmers in Clear Creek township, where Mrs. McCombs was reared. Her education after leaving the public schools was completed in the Roanoke Seminary, and she taught country schools in Huntington county, and for a time was a teacher in the city schools of Peru. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McCombs the following have been born: Belle, a graduate of the Clear Creek high school, and now the wife of William Shriner; William, who graduated from the Clear Creek high school and is now one of the teachers in the Huntington county public schools; Fred, who graduated from the Clear Creek high school, taught for a time and is now a painter and paper hanger and decorator at Houston, Texas; Albert, a graduate of the Clear Creek high school is a farmer in that township; Lona is the wife of Charles M. Craig of Clear Creek township.

The McCombs family are members of the Christian and Methodist churches, and in politics both Mr. McCombs and his sons are adherents of the Prohibition cause. In section twenty-one he is the owner of twenty-seven and a half acres of land, and after a long career of substantial industry is devoting his time to the quiet pursuits and the methodical management of this small but valuable farm estate. In all his relations he has borne a reputation for honesty and honorable dealings, and his name is one of the most respected in his locality.

Julius H. Werling. Success is the normal prerogative of such valiant persons as this well known and highly esteemed citizen of Huntington township, and he is not only a prosperous and representative farmer of the county that has been his home since his childhood days but he has also shown his versatility in other directions, as he has been a successful contractor in the drilling of wells and in the construction of brick street pavements. Energy, circumspection, integrity and perseverance have marked his career and have enabled him to wrest from the hands of fate a generous prosperity, his advancement having been dependent entirely upon his own efforts, and his fidelity, steadfast purpose and genial personality have won him the good will of all who know him, as well as a wide circle of staunch friends. Such citizens as Mr. Werling eminently merit specific recognition in this publication.

Julius H. Werling was born in the city of Tiffin, Seneca county, Ohio, on the 5th of September, 1862, and is a son of Henry and Mary E. (Walley) Werling, both members of stanch pioneer families of the old Buckeye state, the father having been born in Seneca county, Ohio, on the 7th of April, 1834, and the mother having been born in the same county, on the 8th of August, 1839. In 1866 Henry Werling came with his family to Huntington county, Indiana, and he established a home on the farm still in his name. His son, Julius H., owns a farm of 103 acres about four miles east of the city. His financial resources were very limited and he was able to make only a partial payment when he purchased his farm, the land having been but partially improved. He did not live to retrieve himself from the burden of debt, as his death occurred in 1873, his wife having survived him by a number of years and having been devoted and earnest in keeping her family together after the loss of the husband and father. Of their seven children six are living: Matilda, who was born October 21, 1859, is the widow of Nicholas Hartman; Mary, who was born June 11, 1861, is the wife of Jacob Rathgives; Julius H., of this review, was the next in order of birth; Loretta E., who was born June 10, 1864, died on the 9th of January, 1871; Mary, who is unmarried, was born September 9, 1866; Anna, who was born March 29, 1868, is the wife of William Brodrich, and they have five children; Martha E., who was born August 26, 1871, is the wife of John Helvie.

Mrs. Werling resides with her son. She was educated in the log cabin school, a subscription school, and she well remembers the slab seats and has written, with the old goose quill pens. She also well remembers the teacher set the copy. The text-books were the old Webster spelling book and McGuffey readers. She was confirmed at the age of fourteen by the bishop of the northern bishopric of Ohio. Mr. Werling's grandfather, Nicholas Werling, emigrated from Belgium to the United States and the original spelling of the name was "Verling."

Julius H. Werling was a child of four years at the time of the family removal from Ohio to Huntington county, Indiana, and was but ten years old when his father died. As the eldest child and only son he thereafter assumed at an early age much of the responsibility of providing for his widowed mother and the younger children, and it stands to his lasting credit that his faithfulness and earnest application proved adequate to clear eventually the indebtedness on the home farm and to compass the development and improvement of the property, which under his effective management placed the family in comfortable circumstances. He has never regretted the hardships and toils of this period of his life, and though his early educational advantages were limited to an irregular attendance in the little log schoolhouse that stood on the site of one of his present substantial barns, he has fully made good this handicap by means of well ordered reading and study in later years and by the valuable lessons gained through active association with men and affairs, his actual school work having ceased when he was sixteen years of age. The excellent farm which he largely developed and which is

now one of the well improved places in Huntington township, is owned by him, and he gives his personal supervision to the various details of its operation. In 1899 Mr. Werling initiated his work in the drilling of water wells, and in this line he has controlled a substantial business, as he has driven many wells in this and other counties of this part of the state. He has also been a successful contractor in the building of street pavements of brick, and he constructed the first brick pavement of this type on Williams Street, Huntington, Indiana. In this field of contracting enterprise he was formerly associated with Henry Draper, under the firm name of Draper & Werling. A man of utmost probity and uprightness, he is well known and held in unequivocal confidence and esteem in the county that has been his home from his childhood to the present, and it may consistently be said that his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances. A stalwart Democrat in his political allegiance and taking loyal interest in all that concerns the general welfare of the community, Mr. Werling has been more or less active and influential in connection with public affairs of a local order, though he has never sought or held political office. He is affiliated with the Fraternal Order of Eagle, Eyrie No. 823, and is a communicant of the Catholic church of Sts. Peter & Paul, at Huntington, as is also his sister Mary, who presides over the domestic economies of the home, neither of them having married.

Baltzer Eisenhauer. The late Baltzer Eisenhauer, during the many years in which he was identified with the business and financial life of Huntington, so forcibly impressed his personality upon the various lines of activity in which he was engaged that his influence will continue to be felt for a long period to come. As merchant, farmer, banker and real estate owner he showed himself a business man of rare attainments and executive and organizing powers, while in fraternal, church and religious life he was likewise a dominant figure in his community. His rise from a poor German emigrant lad to a man of wealth and station in a community in which men of strength and force were not lacking, contained all the elements characteristic of self-made manhood, and aside from his vast material possessions he left to his children the priceless heritage of an honored and honorable name.

Baltzer Eisenhauer was born September 4, 1835, in Birgengoerdt, Rheinpholtz, Germany, a son of John Michael and Catharine (Engel) Eisenhauer, poor but honorable people of that community. He received but scant educational advantages and was early apprenticed to the trade of cooper, which, upon his arrival in the United States, at the age of eighteen years, was his sole capital, outside of his self-confidence, his ambition and his indomitable spirit. He secured employment at his trade in and around New York City for a short time, but was not satisfied with his surroundings and accordingly sought a new field for his activities further west. For several years he worked at his vocation in Rochester, New York, and then went to Frederick, Maryland, where he was shortly joined by Theresa Holtzinger and their marriage followed

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Mr. Eisenhauer then secured employment with a lumber company, and subsequently engaged in the grocery business. The outbreak of the Civil war found him engaged in the latter line, and in the early part of the struggle he met with great success in handling army supplies from his place of business.

It had always been his intention, however, to locate in the West, and when opportunity offered in 1862 started with his brother Joseph from their Maryland home. It had been the intention of the brothers to go much further west than Indiana, but fate decreed otherwise. Seated on the forward deck of an old canal packet, about one day's travel out of Fort Wayne, Baltzer Eisenhauer suddenly remarked to those about him: "Where are we? This country looks awfully good to me. Here is where I get off." It was characteristic of the man that, though not of an impulsive nature, a decision once made was made for good. So favorably impressed was he with the country that the little town of Huntington, as it was then, became his stopping place and continued to be his home ever thereafter. The brother soon became dissatisfied with conditions as he found them and returned to Frederick, Maryland, much to his later regret.

The first of Mr. Eisenhauer's ventures in Huntington was a store in which he handled a general line of merchandise, but after several years he disposed of this enterprise to become associated with Henry Drover, another pioneer, in the manufacture of wagon spokes, the factory being located on the south side of Little river. Subsequently Mr. Eisenhauer sold out to his partner and purchased a part of the Chief Engleman farm west of the city, which still continues in the family name. After five years as a farmer, however, he returned to Huntington and once more plunged into its business life, opening a grocery, at the present site of the McCaffrey store.

Mr. Eisenhauer's advent into financial circles occurred about 1883, when, with William McGrew, he organized the First National Bank. He was elected to a vice presidency therein, and to his keen business ability, his foresight, acumen and judgment, much of the success of that institution is accredited. Prior to this time Mr. Eisenhauer had served his community officially as a member of the board of trustees of Huntington township for two terms. In land speculations, he accumulated considerable real estate and enlarged thus his fortunes. From Wilson Smith, Mr. Eisenhauer purchased an entire square of property faced on the west by North Poplar street, and at the corner of Poplar and George streets, he erected what in those days was one of the palatial homes of the city. He platted the remainder and realized well on the investment, as that section of the city, as he had foreseen, developed rapidly soon afterwards. He retired from active business life in 1900 when he retired from the bank.

Perhaps for forty years, Baltzer Eisenhauer was president of the St. Joseph Society of the St. Peter and Paul's church. In later years the duties of the office were attended by the vice president, but the honor of election as president continued a source of great pleasure to Mr.

Eisenhauer, who otherwise took active interest in the affairs of his church. A number of years ago, the aged resident suffered with a growing affliction of rheumatism. He was of large physical proportions and complications developed. In his later years he suffered with acute attacks of heart trouble, one of which was the immediate cause of his death, which occurred November 19, 1910. He remained conscious to the last and was surrounded by his family when the end came. Funeral services were conducted at St. Peter and Paul's church, and interment was made at Mount Calvary, where hosts of friends and acquaintances gathered to do honor to the memory of one who at all times was known to be one of his community's most forceful men, a man steadfast in his confidences and loyal in his friendships. It will be many years ere his place in the city's life can be filled.

Mrs. Eisenhauer preceded her husband to the grave by some fifteen years. She had been a faithful and loving wife, sharing his adversities and struggles in the early years, and assisting him to the success that came to him in after life. Four children survive: Miss Catherine, an invalid, who has always resided at home; Mrs. John Neuer, the widow of one of Huntington's former prominent business men and popular citizens, and John and Andrew J., merchants of this city. Mr. Eisenhauer's brother, Joseph, remains a resident of Frederick, Maryland, while a sister, Mrs. Catharine Sautter, lives at Washington, D. C.

Andrew J. Eisenhauer. The thriving city of Huntington has become one of the most flourishing and enterprising industrial and commercial centers of its part of the Hoosier state, and its prestige in the business world has been gained through the activities of such men as Andrew J. Eisenhauer, who belongs to that class of representative Americans who, while gaining individual success, also promote the public prosperity. Mr. Eisenhauer is a native son of Huntington, born December 12, 1869, the second son living of Baltzer and Theresa (Holtzinger) Eisenhauer, natives of Germany. A review of the father, than whom Huntington has had no more prominent or more highly respected citizen, will be found on another page of this work.

Andrew J. Eisenhauer was granted excellent educational advantages in his youth, attending first the parochial school of St. Peter and Paul's Catholic church and subsequently spending three years in the University of Notre Dame, at South Bend, Indiana. Upon completing his studies, he returned to Huntington and embarked in the book and wall paper business, which he continued successfully for three years. Mr. Eisenhauer's next connection was with August Koenig, with whom he learned the jeweler's business, and following this he became interested in the shoe business with Nicholas Fisher, with whom he remained twelve years. Mr. Eisenhauer then formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, the late "Johnny" Neuer, and the shoe business of Neuer & Eisenhauer enjoyed a successful life until Mr. Neuer passed away, November 16, 1909, at which time Mr. Eisenhauer purchased both the shoe and jewelry establishments and is now the sole owner thereof, operating the two

in conjunction. Mr. Eisenhauer is the owner of a substantial brick business house, 20x122 feet, and three stories in height, the first and second stories being used by Mr. Eisenhauer's business, while the third is occupied by the dry goods merchants, John Frash & Company. He carries a large and well-selected stock of boots and shoes, as well as a complete line of high-grade watches, clocks, jewelry and silverware, and the same straightforward and honorable methods that brought the business into prominence and public favor continue to be maintained. Mr. Eisenhauer has been connected with his present business over a long period of years, through its various changes, and his able management, keen discrimination and executive ability have contributed largely to its success. He holds an enviable position in the esteem of his fellow men by reason of his irreproachable life, as well as by his business ability and pronounced success.

On May 16, 1900, Mr. Eisenhauer was united in marriage with Miss Helena Martin, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Roush) Martin, natives of Germany and old residents of the city of Huntington, where the family settled more than a half a century ago. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhauer, namely: Helen M., Andrew Baltzer and Adeline Marguerite. Mr. Eisenhauer is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the St. Joseph's Society. His religious connection is with St. Peter and Paul's Catholic church, to the success and growth of which he has given his co-operation and financial aid. The handsome family residence on Poplar street is presided over with dignity and grace by Mrs. Eisenhauer, a lady of many social attainments.

Jacob W. Gesaman. This well known and highly honored citizen of Huntington township has maintained his residence in this county for nearly forty years and here has achieved definite and worthy success through his zealous and effective association with the industries of agriculture, stock-growing and horticulture. He is the owner of the Riverside Fruit Farm, which has been developed and improved by him during the long years of his residence in Huntington township, and, as the name implies, the place is devoted largely to the propagation of fruit, in which field of enterprise Mr. Gesaman has been specially prominent and successful. His farm comprises 123 acres of most fertile and productive land, and he has utilized the same for diversified agriculture and stock-growing as well as in the development of his fine orchards and to the raising of the best varieties of the smaller fruits suited to the soil and climate. He is one of the representative citizens of the county that has long been his home, and his sterling character has given him inviolable place in the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

Mr. Gesaman claims the old Buckeye state as the place of his nativity and is a scion of a family of stanch German lineage that was early founded in Pennsylvania. Mr. Gesaman was born on a farm in Stark county, Ohio, on the 6th of February, 1846, and is a son of Samuel and Mary (Harchelroad) Gesaman, who were born and reared in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, where their marriage was solemnized. They

eventually left their native state and removed to Ohio, where they became pioneer settlers of Stark county. There the father reclaimed from the wilderness a productive farm and he was one of the honored citizens of that county for many years, finally, in 1881, coming with his wife to Indiana and passing the residue of their long and useful lives in Huntington county, where the death of Samuel Gesaman occurred in 1886, his wife surviving him by several years. They became the parents of nine children, of whom six are now living, in 1913, namely: John H., who likewise is a resident of Huntington county; Mary, who is the wife of John Hensel, of Stark county, Ohio; Sarah, who is the widow of Henry Lonas, of the same county; Jacob W., who is the immediate subject of this sketch; Margaret, who is the wife of Nicholas Zeigler, of Huntington township; and Samuel F., who likewise is a resident of Huntington township.

Jacob W. Gesaman was reared to maturity on the old homestead farm, which was the place of his birth, and he had his quota of experience in connection with the conditions and labors of pioneer life in the old Buckeye state. Arduous toil and endeavor were his portion as a boy and youth, but his ambition to acquire an education was not denied by his parents, as shown by the fact that he continued to attend the common schools of his native county until he was twenty years old, though his attendance was principally during the winter terms only, his services being not then in requisition on the farm to so great an extent. Though he had in the meanwhile initiated his independent career as a farmer, he continued to remain at the parental home until he was about twenty-six years of age, when he took unto himself a wife, the devoted and cherished companion and helpmeet who has remained by his side during the long years that have intervened and that have brought their joy and compensation, as well as their sorrows and perplexities. Sustained and comforted by common faith and ambition and by mutual love and devotion, they find the retrospect one of gracious order and rejoice in the fair, prosperous days that trend toward the gracious twilight of their lives.

The marriage of Mr. Gesaman occurred in 1872, and in the spring of 1876 he came with his family to Indiana and established his home on the farm which is still his place of abode. When he purchased this property the land was almost entirely covered with the native timber, and he set to himself the herculean task of reclaiming his farm to cultivation. Assiduous industry, thrift and good management brought their returns, and he now has the satisfaction of being the owner of one of the admirably improved and valuable farm properties of Huntington county. The present substantial buildings were erected by him, including the attractive and comfortable residence, and the home has ever been known for its generous hospitality and good cheer, so that it has been a favored rendezvous for the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gesaman and their children.

In the midst of the exactions of a career of signal industry and pro-

ductiveness, Mr. Gesaman has never failed in civic loyalty and has been ready to do his part in the promotion of those objects which have conserved the general good of the community. Never a seeker of public office, he has not wavered in his allegiance to the republican party until the national campaign of 1912, when he gave his support to the cause of the progressive party, as he is stanch in his admiration for Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Both he and his wife are zealous and devoted members of the United Brethren church. Unqualified confidence is reposed in Mr. Gesaman by all who know him, and his integrity is beyond cavil. His counsel is frequently sought in connection with private and community interests, and it may be noted that he was the efficient and faithful administrator of the very appreciable estate of his honored father.

On the 17th of March, 1872, in Stark county, Ohio, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Gesaman to Miss Phoebe Zintsmaster, who was reared and educated in that county, where she was born on the 20th of March, 1851. Of the children of this union four attained to years of maturity: Franklin E. is a prosperous farmer of Huntington township; Pearl A. died at the age of eleven years; Cora A. became the wife of Frederick Lonas and is now deceased; George W. is a representative farmer of Huntington township; and Miss Ida Mae, who remains at the parental home and is a popular factor in the leading social activities of the community, is a cultured musician as a pianist, and was graduated in the high school in her home township and also in a leading musical conservatory in the city of Indianapolis.

In recalling early days, Mr. Gesaman tells of his early school days. He attended two different schoolhouses of the log cabin style, and he conned his lessons from the old spelling book and McGuffey's readers, wrote with the old goose quill pen made by the teacher and sat on the wooden bench, and when the pupils had to write they turned around in their seats at the long desk. What a difference today in the modern school, where the pupil is furnished with all the modern equipments of school life. The homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Gesaman is known as "The Evergreens" and is one of the hospitable homes of the county. It is located 2½ miles southwest of the city of Huntington, on the Elna Gravel Pike running to Marion. This was formerly an Indian trail. The residence is lighted throughout with a modern acetylene plant.

William H. H. Kneisly. Fortunately for the consistency of the biographical department of this publication there are found represented within its pages many of the successful and popular citizens who are ably maintaining the high standard of the agricultural industry in the county, and such an one is the well known resident of Huntington township whose name initiates this paragraph and who is one of the progressive agriculturists and stock-growers of the county which has been his home for more than forty years and in which he is a venerable citizen who commands the unqualified confidence and respect of all who know him, as his life has been ordered upon a high plane of integrity and honor and has been characterized by earliest and fruitful endeavor

in connection with the great basic industry that gained his attention when he was a mere boy. He is a fine type of the sturdy yeomen who have aided in developing the agricultural resources of this county and his character and achievement entitle him to a specific tribute in this history.

William Henry Harrison Kneisly was born on his father's pioneer farmstead in Greene county, Ohio, and the date of his nativity was February 10, 1838. He is a scion of a sterling pioneer family of the old Buckeye state and was named in honor of General William Henry Harrison, who was a contemporary of his father in Ohio. Mr. Kneisly is able to trace his lineage back to the stanchest of German origin, and the progenitors of the paternal and maternal lines in America established their residence in Pennsylvania in the pioneer era of the history of that state. He is a son of John and Susan (Whitmore) Kneisly, both of whom were born and reared in Pennsylvania, where their marriage was solemnized and where they continued to reside until 1827, when they removed to Ohio and numbered themselves among the early settlers of Greene county. There the father reclaimed from the virtual wilderness a productive farm, and there he continued to reside for many years, a substantial and honored citizen. When well advanced in years he and his wife removed to Dayton, Ohio, where they passed the residue of their lives. John Kneisly was a miller by trade and as an expert in this vocation he found his services in demand during much of the time that he was engaged in active farming. Of the twelve children only four are living at the time of this writing, Daniel, who is a prosperous farmer of Clark county, Ohio; John W., who resides in the city of Dayton, that state; William H. H., whose name introduces this article; and Emma, the widow of Ahimen V. Bohm, of St. Louis, Missouri, who died March 4, 1914.

William H. H. Kneisly grew to adult age under the sturdy and invigorating discipline of the pioneer farm and in addition to assisting in its work when a boy and youth he also found employment in the grist mill with which his father was identified. He availed himself of the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period, and thus constructed a substantial basis for the broad superstructure of knowledge which he has since gained through self-discipline and through active association with the practical affairs of life. For a time he was employed as clerk in a mercantile establishment in his native county and he continued his residence in Ohio until January, 1870, when, at the age of about thirty-two years, he came to Indiana and established his residence in Huntington county, where he has since maintained his home and where he has gained independence and generous prosperity through his close and effective identification with agricultural pursuits. His present farm, well improved and eligibly situated, comprises ninety-nine acres, and though he is now venerable in years, he still finds pleasure in giving a general supervision to its affairs, though he has resigned active labors to others, after having borne to the fullest extent the "heat and burden of the day" and proved himself one of the world's produc-

tive workers,—a man to whom duty has ever been paramount and whose life has been marked by kindliness and tolerance as well as by earnest and fruithful endeavor. He is a republican in his political allegiance and has been liberal and loyal in the support of measures and enterprises that have tended to advance the general welfare of the community.

On the 3d of September, 1872, in the third year of his residence in Huntington county, Mr. Kneisly was here united in marriage to Miss Helen Marshall, of Jefferson township, and in loving companionship they have walked down the pathway of life during the long intervening period of more than forty years. Of their three children only one is living,—Susan B., who is the wife of Nathan W. Ehret, of Andrews, this county, and who has no children. Lilly M., the other daughter who attained to years of maturity and who is now deceased, became the wife of Samuel Zeigler and is survived by two children,—Oscar K. and Esther L., the former of whom is a student in Valparaiso University at the time of this writing, in 1913. Esther L. has completed the public school course in the eighth grade and Williams Street school, in Huntington, Indiana. She has taken instruction in music and has taught music for two years.. Mrs. Kneisly is a Methodist and she is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society. The estate of Mr. and Mrs. Kneisly is known as "Pleasant Grove Lawn Farm."

Charles G. Hauenstein. In Huntington township just a mile and a half from the city of Huntington is a place which for many years has been known as the Hauenstein farm, now under the energetic proprietorship of Charles G. Hauenstein, who was born on the place, and whose acreage now comprises one hundred and forty. Mr. Hauenstein has long been successfully identified with the dairy business, supplying large amounts of milk and dairy products to the county seat, besides shipping much milk to other markets. His home is one of the best in the countryside, a modern residence built in 1908, and with the modern conveniences and facilities of running water, and furnished attractively and comfortably for the accommodation of his family.

Charles G. Hauenstein was born on this farm, September 11, 1857, a son of John and Wilhelmina (Brandt) Hauenstein. John Hauenstein was born in Switzerland, September 7, 1820, the third son of Rudolph and Anna (Dotwiller) Hauenstein, spent his boyhood and youth in his native country, and worked upon a farm with exception of two years spent as a soldier in the national army. In 1845, when twenty-five years of age, John Hauenstein arrived in New York City, thence made his way to Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, working for two months there in helping to build a canal lock, and having a brother and sister in Huntington county, Indiana, set out on foot to make the entire journey, which he thus accomplished, carrying a large box with his surplus clothing on his back. He reached Fort Wayne on the Fourth Day of July, and arrived in Huntington county three days later. His first employment here was in a sawmill, and that work kept him busy until his marriage. On December 18, 1849, John Hauenstein married Wilhelmina

(Brandt) who was born in Germany, July 31, 1829, a daughter of Charles and Mollie (Budda) Brandt. Since his marriage Mr. Hauenstein steadily followed the occupation of farming. He located the homestead where his son Charles now lives in 1852. His first wife died November 13, 1880, and on August 16, 1882, he married Mrs. Louisa W. J. Allschwede, who was born in Germany, November 9, 1829. There were ten children by the first marriage of John Hauenstein, as follows: Amalie, born November 13, 1850, and the wife of Conrad Baade; John J., born March 18, 1853, and died March 9, 1860; Mary W., born March 9, 1855, who married Fred Poehler; Charles G.; Johanna W., born January 13, 1860; Sophia M., born May 1, 1862, the wife of Charles Dickman; Anna B., born April 28, 1864, the wife of Henry Schroeder; Caroline B., born October 20, 1866, who married William Strodel; Emma M., born February 23, 1869, the wife of John Petrie; and Gottlieb E., born August 2, 1872, whose home is in Huntington. The family all became communicants of the Lutheran church, and John Hauenstein was generally an active supporter of the Democratic party.

Charles G. Hauenstein was reared on the home farm, attended the local schools, and after considerable experience as a farmer, and in making his own way, was married on November 30, 1882, to Miss Minnie Horstmann. She was born in Logansport, Indiana, February 15, 1861, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Klinsick) Horstmann. Both her parents were natives of Germany, who came to Indiana, and located near Logansport in the early days, and both are deceased. The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Hauenstein now living are mentioned as follows: John F., was educated in the English and German schools and wedded Miss Phillabeana Meyer, and they are residents of Huntington township. Henry G., who resides at home, was educated in both German and English schools. Esther M., also at home, was in the eighth grade of the public schools and has taken musical instruction. Marie W. is in the seventh grade. Mr. and Mrs. Hauenstein have given their children the advantages of good schooling. Mr. Hauenstein, politically is an independent, casting his vote for whom he considers the best candidate for the office, regardless of party. The beautiful country home is one of peace and contentment. Mr. and Mrs. Hauenstein and children are all members of the German Lutheran church at Huntington, Indiana.

William A. Lawrie. A native son of Huntington county and a representative of an honored family whose name has been identified with the history of this county for more than half a century, Mr. Lawrie has here found ample opportunity for worthy and productive effort along normal lines of enterprise and he is today numbered among the substantial agriculturists of Huntington township, where his fine landed estate is known as Elm Lane Farm. He has well upheld the high prestige of the family name and is a citizen whose loyalty and public spirit are on a parity with his energy and progressiveness as a man of affairs.

Mr. Lawrie was born in the township that is now his home and the date of his nativity was December 31, 1859, so that he became a right

welcome New Year's guest in the home of his parents, George and Margaret (Lillie) Lawrie, both of whom were born and reared in Scotland, where their marriage was solemnized, and both having been members of sterling old families of the land of hills and heather. In 1857 the parents of William A. Lawrie immigrated to the United States, and soon after their arrival they came to Indiana and established their home in Huntington county. The father became one of the early merchants of Huntington, the judicial center of the county, and identified himself fully with the social and business interests of the community. He continued to be concerned with the merchandise business until 1880, and in the meanwhile he made judicious investments in farm land in the county. In 1880 he removed to his well improved farm in Huntington township, and there both he and his devoted wife lived until their tragic death in 1899, when both were killed by a mad bull, the animal having first attacked Mr. Lawrie, whose wife attempted to rescue him, and who likewise received fatal injuries, their deaths being a severe shock to the community, in which their circle of friends was limited only by that of their acquaintances. These honored pioneers became the parents of these children—George, John, William A., Mary C. and one son who died in childhood. Mary C. is the wife of Samuel M. Gesaman, who is individually mentioned on other pages of this publication.

William A. Lawrie was reared to manhood in the township in which is still his place of residence, and he continued to attend the district schools until he was about eighteen years of age, in the meanwhile assisting in the work and management of the home farm, so that he acquired discipline and knowledge that have been of inestimable benefit to him in connection with his independent operations as an agriculturist and stockgrower. He remained at the parental home until his marriage, December 11, 1890, and during the ensuing decade he was actively engaged in farming on a place located a few miles northwest of the city of Huntington. In 1900 he purchased and removed to his present fine homestead, which comprises 205 acres of most fertile land and which has permanent improvements of excellent order. He has been indefatigable in his labors and has made substantial advancement through his well directed efforts, which have given him secure place among the representative agriculturists and valued citizens of his native county. Sincere, upright and unassuming, he has not aspired to leadership in public affairs of local order, but has been essentially liberal and loyal as a citizen, and has at all times commanded the unqualified confidence and good will of his fellow men. In politics he accords allegiance to the republican party, and both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Greenwood.

On December 11, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lawrie to Miss Martha M. Beal, who was born and reared in Lancaster township, this county, and who is a representative of a well known and honored family of this section of the state. Mrs. Lawrie was born June 29, 1865, and was educated in the common schools. Her father was born in Huntington county and was a farmer. He was a soldier in the Civil war,

taking part in several engagements, and was honorably discharged. He was a republican. Her mother is a native of Huntington county and is yet living, the widow of Michael Zent. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie had five children—William H., who was born September 14, 1892, and who is associated in the work and management of the home farm, his name being still enrolled on the list of eligible young bachelors; Mary E., who was born February 27, 1894, is the wife of Clarence F. Garretson of this county, and James E., who was born May 25, 1900, is in the eighth grade attending the schools in the home district, as is also Agnes L., who was born June 29, 1902; Edith H., the youngest child, born July 15, 1909, died December 15, 1910.

David Funderburgh. As one of the substantial agriculturists and representative citizens of Huntington township, where he is the owner of a well improved landed estate, David Funderburgh has made earnest and well directed industry the foundation of the worthy success which he has achieved as one of the world's productive workers, and his high standing in the community eminently justified the specific recognition here accorded him in the history of the county that has ever been his home and in which he is a scion of a sterling pioneer family.

David Funderburgh was born in Lancaster township, Huntington county, Indiana, on the 19th of March, 1849, and he was a child at the time of his parents' removal to Union township, where he was reared to adult age on the home farm. He is a son of David and Anna (Ream) Funderburgh, the former of whom was born in Springfield, Ohio, and the latter in Virginia, the respective families having settled in the old Buckeye state in the pioneer epoch of its history. The marriage of David Funderburgh and Anna Ream was solemnized at Carlisle, Warren county, Ohio, and within a comparatively short period after this important event in their lives the young couple came to Huntington county, Indiana. They were numbered among the early settlers of the county, and in Union township David Funderburgh, Sr., reclaimed from the wilderness a productive farm. He was a man of indefatigable industry and of inflexible integrity of character, so that he merited and received the unqualified confidence and esteem of his fellow men. He contributed his quota to the development and upbuilding of the county along both civic and industrial lines, and the names of both him and his wife merit high place on the roster of the worthy pioneers of this favored section of the Hoosier state. They continued to reside in Union township until their death and there reared their children to lives of usefulness and honor.

David Funderburgh, Jr., who figures as the immediate subject of this review, passed his childhood and youth under the conditions and influences of the pioneer farm, in the work of which he early began to lend his assistance. In the primitive log school house of the pioneer days he gained a good common school education, and the same has been amplified most effectively through the lessons since acquired under the direction of that wisest of all headmasters, experience. He continued to be associated in

the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to his legal majority, and thereafter his independent career was marked for some time by the arduous labors involved in splitting rails, digging wells, assisting in saw mills, etc. He carefully saved his earnings and prior to his marriage, which occurred in 1876, he had been able to purchase a small tract of land, his financial resources having been limited to the returns from his own exertions. That he has won definite and worthy success against the opposing obstacles of time and place is emphatically shown by the fact that he is now the owner of a fine landed estate of five hundred acres, in association with his wife, who has been his devoted companion and helpmeet, sharing with him the joys and sorrows that fall to all human beings, and showing the most loyal interest in his ambitious purposes, so that they have literally worked side by side to gain the independence and prosperity that are now their gracious portion. They have given to their children the best of educational advantages and in all the relations of life have proved true and steadfast, so that they have the sincere regard and unqualified confidence of all who know them.

In politics Mr. Funderburgh has been a staunch supporter of the cause of the republican party, and he is liberal and public-spirited as a citizen, though he has had no predilection for the honors or emoluments of public office. Both he and his wife are earnest and zealous members of the German Baptist church, which has many sterling representatives in this section of the state. He has realized the responsibilities and duties which success involves and has done his part in the furtherance of those objects which tend to promote the general welfare of the community, besides which he found special satisfaction in being able to render financial assistance to his children as they initiated their independent careers, each of them having been presented with $2,000.

In the Centennial year, on April 27, 1876, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Funderburgh to Miss Anna D. Summers, and of their ten children the following are living, the while each of the number has honored the family name. Frank Willis, who was educated in the common schools and has a six months teacher's certificate, is working in Washington, D. C., for the United States Government; Elnora is the wife of Wesley Johnson, of this county; Clifford, who was graduated in the University of Indiana, is a man of fine intellectual attainments and marked administrative ability, has been specially successful as a representative of the pedagogic profession and is now the able and popular incumbent of the office of county superintendent of schools in Huntington county; Elsie is the wife of Daniel Gesaman, of this county; Bertha is the wife of Herman Clark and they likewise maintain their home in Huntington county; and Ray is associated with his father in the management of the fine old homestead farm. Mrs. Funderburgh is a native of Fayette county, Indiana, born August 25, 1858, a daughter of Galvin and Sarah J. (Tinsler) Summers. There were nine children in the family, six sons and three daughters, all living. Mr. Summers is yet living, aged eighty-five, but his wife died in August, 1909. Mr. Summers is an agriculturist and a democrat. Mrs. Summers was of the old school Baptists.

Isaiah Sours. For upwards of half a century Isaiah Sours has steadily pursued his chosen vocation as a farmer. Mr. Sours is one of the old soldiers of Huntington county, having enlisted from this section in an Indian regiment, and bearing a wound away from his career as a defender of the Union. His home has been in one place in Huntington township, throughout most of his career, and along with material prosperity he has enjoyed the esteem of the county, and has often exerted himself in behalf of the general welfare of his home vicinity.

Isaiah Sours was born in Stark county, Ohio, December 18, 1840. The founder of the Sours family in America was grandfather Henry Sours, who came from Germany, first locating in Pennsylvania, where he married Catherine Harter, and then moved to Stark county, Ohio, which continued to be his home until his death. The parents of Isaiah Sours were Levi and Abigail (Weston) Sours. Levi Sours was seven years old when the family located in Stark county, and was reared and married in that vicinity. In 1847 he brought his family to Huntington county, locating in Jackson township. About 1855, he moved out to Iowa, but after a few years' residence again returned to Indiana, and located in Jackson township. Just a short time before the beginning of the Civil war he located on the farm where his son Isaiah now lives. That old homestead was the place where Levi Sours spent his declining years. There were ten children, six of whom are yet living, namely: A. H. Sours of Kansas; Rebecca J., wife of Wesley Knave, of Wellington, Kansas; Isaiah; Ruhamma, wife of Israel Ashbaugh; Phoebe C., widow of Frank Thrift, deceased; Lydia, wife of David Hoover, of Huntington.

As his father was seven years of age when the family moved from Pennsylvania to Stark county, so Isaiah was the same age when the family moved from Starke county to Huntington county. His education began in Ohio, was continued in the public schools of Jackson township, and as his early life was spent in the years before the thorough establishment of a public system of education in Indiana, his book training was somewhat neglected. Most of his preparation for life was acquired by actual experience in running the farm, and assisting his father. The war had come on before he reached his majority, and when he was twenty-three, on December 7, 1863, Mr. Sours enlisted in Company D of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Indiana Infantry. The regiment became a part of the Twenty-third Army Corps, and saw much service in the great campaign by which Sherman and other Union generals established the supremacy of the Union arms in Tennessee and Georgia. Mr. Sours first got into active fighting at Dalton, Georgia, and continued through the Atlantic campaign, until wounded at Kenesaw Mountain on July 1, 1864. He was disabled for some time, and on recuperating joined his regiment at Decatur, Georgia, and was with the command until after the close of hostilities, being mustered out in December, 1865. Returning home he resumed his duties as a private citizen, and applied himself with efficient energy to his career as a farmer. For many years Mr. Sours has been one of the honored members of the J. R. Slack Post No. 137, G. A. R.

On March 1, 1868, Mr. Sours married Margaret McNamara, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, and came with her parents to Huntington county when she was sixteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Sours have three children, namely: Aurelius G., who is unmarried and lives on the home farm with his father; Alice M., wife of John H. Stetzel, of Huntington township; Ida T., of Fort Wayne.

The active political support of Mr. Sours has been given to the republican party ever since the war, and besides voting the ticket, he has served as delegate to county and district conventions. For many years the efforts of Mr. Sours were directed towards the improvements of local highways, and he did much good work as gravel road superintendent. Mrs. Sours passed away October 18, 1888.

Samuel M. Gesaman. He whose name initiates this review is a member of a sterling family whose name has been long and worthily linked with the history of Huntington county, and he is one of the progressive and substantial farmers of Huntington township, which section of the county has been his home from the time of his birth and in which he has marked the passing years with large and worthy achievement. He has impregnable vantage-place in the confidence and esteem of the people of his native county, and as one of the progressive and influential citizens of Huntington township he is fully entitled to specific recognition in this publication.

Mr. Gesaman was born on the old homestead farm of his parents, in Huntington township, this county, and the date of his nativity was October 28, 1862. He is a son of John H. and Sarah C. (Lonas) Gesaman, the former of whom was born near Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of whom was a native of Virginia, their marriage having been solemnized in Stark county, Ohio. About the year 1860 John H. Gesaman and his young wife came from Ohio to Huntington county, Indiana, the journey to the new home having been made with team and wagon. John H. Gesaman purchased a tract of land south of the city of Huntington, in Huntington township, and there he reclaimed a most productive farm, the homestead being now one of the model places of the township and being still the residence of the venerable and honored pioneer who there established his home about half a century ago. The devoted wife and mother passed to eternal rest in 1884, and is survived by six children: Mary, who is the wife of Samuel Scott, of Rock Creek township; Frank E., who is a prosperous farmer in the state of Montana; Samuel M., who is the immediate subject of this sketch; John W., concerning whom individual mention is made on other pages of this volume; Jennie, who is the wife of Frank Minton, of Huntington township; and Charles W., a resident of Chautauqua county, New York state.

Samuel M. Gesaman found his childhood and youth compassed by the influences and discipline of the homestead farm on which he was born and to the work of which he early began to contribute his aid. He continued to attend the district school, principally during the winter terms,

until he was about seventeen years of age, and he continued to be associated in the work and management of the old homestead place until he had attained to the age of twenty-four years, though his marriage occurred shortly after he gained the distinction of legal majority. He is now the owner of a well improved and most productive landed estate of nearly two hundred acres, all being situated in Huntington township. His homestead place, improved with an attractive residence and other excellent buildings, comprises eighty-one acres, and his other farm, located about two miles distant, has an area of one hundred and five and one-half acres. Both farms give every evidence of thrift and prosperity and the owner avails himself of the best modern facilities in carrying forward the various details of the farm operations. He and his wife have a wide circle of friends in their native county, and their pleasant home is a center of generous hospitality. Loyal and progressive as a citizen and a stanch republican in his political allegiance, Mr. Gesaman has manifested no desire for public office, though ever ready to aid in the furtherance of measures projected for the general good of the community. He is affiliated with Huntington Lodge, No. 93, Knights of Pythias, in the city of Huntington, judicial center of the county.

On April 7, 1887, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Gesaman to Miss Mary C. Lawrie, who was born March 28, 1863, in Huntington township, and whose parents, George and Margaret (Lillie) Lawrie, honored citizens of this county, met a tragic death, both having been killed by a mad and infuriated bull; the animal attacked them on their home farm and Mrs. Lawrie having met death when she went to the assistance of her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Gesaman have two daughters: Jennie H., wife of Prof. Merrill Schell, who is superintendent of the public schools of the village of Roanoke, this county; and Edith L., who was graduated in the Huntington high school in the class of 1913, and who is now a successful and popular teacher in the schools of her home county. Both daughters have also received musical instruction. The pretty homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Gesaman is known as "Green Lawn Grange."

John W. Gesaman. No class of citizens is more worthy of specific consideration in this historical publication than the sterling men who stand forth as able and worthy representatives of the great basic industries of agriculture and stock-growing as applied to Huntington county, and particularly deserving of such recognition is the prosperous and enterprising farmer and highly esteemed citizen whose name initiates this paragraph and whose finely improved landed estate is situated in Huntington township. He is the more entitled to such representation by reason of the fact that he is a native son of the county and a member of an old and honored family whose name has been worthily linked with the industrial and social development and upbuilding of this favored section of the state. In Huntington township, this county, John W. Gesaman was born on the 2d of July, 1865, and he is a son of John H. and Sarah C. (Lonas) Gesaman, who were early settlers of Huntington

county and who continued to reside on their old homestead farm, in Huntington township, until their death, both having commanded the inviolable confidence and respect of all who knew them. John H. Gesaman was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of May, 1836, and in the same county was born his father, Samuel Gesaman, who was a representative of one of the staunch German families that settled in the old Keystone state in the pioneer days. John H. Gesaman was reared to maturity in Pennsylvania and as a young man he removed thence to Ohio, from which latter state he came to Indiana and established his home in Huntington county, where he became the owner of a good farm, much of the land having been reclaimed and developed by him, and he remained on this old homestead, in Huntington township, aged seventy-eight years. His cherished and devoted wife died, aged forty-nine years, on November 19, 1884, both having been consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They became the parents of six children, concerning whom the following brief record is given: Mary is the wife of Samuel Scott and they maintain their home in Huntington county; Frank E. is a prosperous farmer in the state of Montana; Samuel M. is numbered among the substantial agriculturists of Huntington township, as is also John W., of this review, who was the next in order of birth; Jennie is the wife of Frank Minton, a farmer in the same township; and Charles W., likewise is a representative of the agricultural industry in Chautauqua county, New York.

John W. Gesaman profited much through the sturdy discipline of the home farm in the days of his youth, as did he also by that afforded in the district schools, which he attended principally during the winter months, when his assistance was not demanded in the work of the farm. He remained at the parental home until he had attained to his legal majority, and this event was soon afterward marked by his assumption of connubial responsibilities, as his marriage to Miss Laura A. Zintsmaster was solemnized on the 10th of March, 1887. Mrs. Gesaman having been born and reared in Polk township, this county. After his marriage Mr. Gesaman rented the home farm, his mother having passed to the life eternal in the preceding year, and he thus continued his operations for a period of three years. He then purchased land of his own, in his native township, and here he now has a productive and well improved farm of one hundred and thirty-one acres, devoted to diversified agriculture and to the raising of high-grade live stock. Perseverance, industry and good management have enabled Mr. Gesaman to win success worthy of the name, and he is one of the prosperous farmers and representative citizens of the township which has ever been his home, the while his attitude is that of a loyal and public-spirited citizen, the family having a circle of friends that is limited only by that of specific acquaintanceship.

In politics Mr. Gesaman has been found aligned with the Republican party, but in the national election of 1912 he gave his support to the Progressive party, under the leadership of Col. Theodore Roosevelt. He is not formally identified with any religious organization, but accords a liberal support to the Methodist Episcopal church at Greenwood, of which

his wife and three of their children are members. Mr. and Mrs. Gesaman have four children: Edward E., who wedded Miss Eva Shearer, and they have two daughters, Ruth and Esther; Daniel H., the maiden name of whose wife was Elsie Funderburgh; Sarah E., who is the wife of Charles Campbell; and Mary E., who remains at the parental home, having finished the eighth grade. The pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Gesaman is called the "Elm Lawn Farm."

Samuel F. Geesman. In the farming district of Huntington township are many prosperous and progressive men who believe that the happiest life as well as the most independent one is to be lived on the farm. Prominent among these men is Samuel F. Geesman. For a number of years he has lived in this community, is known as an excellent farmer, and a man who can be depended upon in matters of local concern, and while managing a large farm he has taken much interest in local public affairs, and has been one of the leaders in the good road movement in this section of Indiana. His homestead is well known under the title "The Oak Grove Stock Farm."

Samuel F. Geesman was born in Stark county, Ohio, April 16, 1853, a son of Samuel and Mary (Hargelrode) Geesman. The parents were both natives of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, where they were reared and educated, and were married. From there they moved to Starke county, Ohio, and in the spring of 1881 located in Huntington county. Here the father passed away on July 28, 1886, and the mother in August, 1896. Six of their nine children are still living mentioned as follows: John Geesman; Mary, wife of John Hensel, of Starke County, Ohio; Sarah, wife of Henry Lonas, of Starke County; Jacob W. Geesman of Huntington township; Margaret, wife of Nicholas Zeigler of Huntington township.

A farm in Stark county, Ohio, was the scene of Mr. Geesman's early association, and during his boyhood his education was acquired by attendance at the local public schools. Arriving at his majority, his first independent venture in life was to rent the old homestead and conduct it under his own management. On October 7, 1877, Mr. Geesman married Miss Olive M. Marks, who was born and reared in Ohio. Her father was a native of Ohio, and her mother of Pennsylvania, having been brought to Ohio by her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Geesman started out with little capital, and about thirty years ago came to Huntington county, where they bought one hundred and sixty acres of land. At the present time, his farm three and a half miles southwest of Huntington on the Geesman road, comprises one hundred and seventy-five acres. Its cultivation has been conducted on business principles, and the fertility of the soil is today greater than it was when he first took possession, a fact which in itself indicates his progressive management. Among other improvements, Mr. Geesman has ditched all the lowland, and now owns what is considered one of the model farms in his township.

To himself and wife were born two sons: Wilbur H., born October 22, 1879, is a graduate of the Huntington Business University, and is

now superintendent of the blast plant in the Gary Steel plant at Gary, Indiana. He married Miss Charlotte Duke and has his home in the great manufacturing center on the Lake Shore. Leroy O., born June 11, 1884, is a graduate of the Huntington township high school at the age of seventeen, and is a farmer. He married Prudence Fulton, a daughter of Francis Fulton. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church at Greenwood, in which Mrs. Geesman takes an active part. Mr. Geesman has been for a number of years one of the leading republicans in Huntington township, and has been a delegate to county and state conventions, but in the campaign of 1912 he voted the progressive party ticket. His chief work in behalf of the community welfare has been done in connection with the public roads, and he has served as superintendent of several gravel roads in this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Geesman are citizens who have taken the good of their money in travel, and seeing the country. They have a five passenger Buick car, in which they take much pleasure. The name Geesman was originally spelled "Gessaman."

James E. Meyer. A school of non-medical theraphy known as chiropractic, has one of its ablest representatives in James E. Meyer, who is a vigorous chiropractor, and since locating in Huntington has overcome a great deal of prejudice and has surrounded himself with a large and profitable practice which now absorbs all his time and energy.

James E. Meyer is a native of Wabash county, Indiana, where he was born June 29, 1884, the fourth son of Amos W. and Henrietta (Geiger) Meyer. The father was born in Pennsylvania, was an early settler in Ohio, was a farmer by occupation, and from Ohio came to Lagro, Wabash county, where he bought a farm and spent there the rest of his active career. Late in life he moved to Texas, where he now lives retired.

James E. Meyer grew up in the vicinity of Lagro, was a farmer boy, but early saw larger things in store for him than the quiet vocation of agriculture. He received education by attendance at the district schools, and later at the city schools, and began his studies in the Palmer School of Chiropractic. Later he returned to the farm, and finally came to Huntington and began the practice of his profession. He had a strong opposition to overcome, but by diligence and close application has won a reputation and success in his chosen calling. His office is one of the best equipped in the county, having all the necessary appliances for the conduct of his large and growing business. He has treated successfully many difficult cases, and these have contributed to his reputation among the people of his county. The office is located in the Clayton Block in the central part of the business district.

Dr. Meyer married Miss Florence Speicher of Wabash, a daughter of Samuel C. and Samantha (Bohnstead) Speicher. They are the parents of three children: Hulda, Bertha and Eva Lois. The doctor and family reside at 717 South Jefferson Street, one of the best resident streets on the south side, and their home is a substantial and modern

dwelling in all its appointments. Dr. Meyer is a man of fine physique and of pleasing manner and has a large career of usefulness before him.

Otto U. King, D. D. S. One of the best known dental practitioners in the Middle West, Dr. Otto U. King, of Huntington, has probably done more to contribute to the advancement and progress of his profession in Indiana than any other man. In his capacity as secretary of the Indiana State Dental Association during the past six years he has almost quadrupled this society's membership, and his influence, always for good, is felt in every phase of the calling's activity. Doctor King has risen steadily from the ranks, gaining promotion through merit and achievement, and a resume of the salient points of his career should prove interesting not alone to those of the profession, but to all who admire self-made manhood. Like many of our most successful men, Doctor King is a product of the farm, having been born on his father's homestead in Rock Creek township, Huntington county, Indiana, March 18, 1873. His father, Francis M. King, was a son of Samuel King, the latter a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, born in 1827. The grandfather married Sarah A. Cussic and in 1865 removed to Huntington county, Indiana, where he purchased a farm of 247 acres, a property which is now considered the finest in the county. Here he continued to reside during the remainder of his life, achieving success through industry, thrift and well-applied effort. In politics he early allied himself with the whig party, but at the formation of the republican party joined that organization and continued one of its enthusiastic supporters. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for many years served as an official and as a member of the board of trustees. His father, John King, was a native of Pennsylvania, from which state he removed to Ohio when the latter was still in its infancy.

Francis M. King was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, August 1, 1850, and was about fifteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Huntington county. As was usual with farmers' youths of his day, he worked in the summer months and went to school in the winters, and thus arrived at his majority, when, with money he had saved from his earnings, he purchased a small farm in Rock Creek township, and gradually added thereto until today he owns a large and well-improved property. He dwelt upon this land until the year 1890, at which time he came to Huntington, and here conducted a meat market for ten years. He then rented both his market and his farm, and from that time to the present has concentrated his energies upon looking after his extensive property interests.

Like his father, Mr. King has always been a republican. Although active in party councils, he has always been too busy to seek office, although he has the public welfare at heart. He has taken as prominent part in fraternal life as he has in business, being a leading Odd Fellow of his part of the state, and in nearly all of its branches has filled numerous positions of trust and responsibility. He and his entire family are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has

served faithfully as a member of the board of trustees for many years, as well as being superintendent of the Sunday school while a resident of Rock Creek township.

On November 15, 1870, Francis M. King was united in marriage with Miss Xantha N. Souers, daughter of Jacob F. and Ruth (Merriam) Souers, she being a native of Huntington county and born October 9, 1852. To this union there were born two sons: Otto U., of this review, and Emmett O., a graduate of the Huntington High school, the State University at Bloomington, Indiana, later principal of the Warren High school, and in 1901 a graduate of Harvard Law school, and since that time a well-known practicing attorney of Huntington.

The boyhood days of Dr. Otto U. King were passed on the home farm during the summer months, while the short winter terms were devoted to attendance in the district schools. He thus continued until his sixteenth year, at which time he moved with his parents to Huntington, and there he furthered his education in the Huntington High school, where he gave promise of future ability by winning while in his junior year the S. M. Sailer gold medal for being the best orator in his class. After his graduation from high school, in 1893, he spent one year in the University of Indiana at Bloomington, and following this entered upon his professional studies as a student in the Chicago Dental College, a course of one year at that institution being followed by a course of two years at Northwestern University, where he was graduated with the class of 1897, receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He was at all times a popular student in college, and served as vice president of his class in the Chicago Dental College, and as president of the senior class in the Northwestern University Dental School.

Doctor King chose Huntington as his field of practice, and here he has continued to the present time, his professional business now being a large and representative one. He has always kept green the memories and associations of college days, and thoroughly interests himself in the social as well as the business relations of his calling. He is a member of the Beta Thi Pi fraternity of the University of Indiana, at Bloomington, and of the Delta Sigma Delta fraternity. Nor has he ever ceased being a student, for his researches and investigations have been continuous, he has kept himself fully abreast of the various advancements in his vocation, and in June, 1913, took a post-graduate course at Northwestern University, Chicago, and was president of the post-graduate class.

Probably no man in the state is better known in dental societies than is Doctor King. A member of the Odontographic Society of Chicago, and of various other smaller associations, he has been honored by election to offices of the utmost responsibility in the larger organizations, and in every case has ably and faithfully discharged the duties devolving upon him. In 1907 he was elected secretary of the Indiana State Dental Association, an office which he has held continuously to the present time, with the result that the membership of this society has increased from 275 to more than 1,000 members. This association is one of the best organized and best directed societies in the West, and

as an example of the high esteem in which Doctor King's services are held by his fellow members, we are allowed to quote from the presentation speech of Dr. R. R. Gillis, of Hammond, Indiana, at the meeting of the society, held at Indianapolis, May 22, 1913. Doctor Gillis said in part as follows:

"We have in our Society a man who has ever been alert to the welfare of this organization; a man who has spent many long hours in study of ways and means for furthering the interests of the Indiana State Dental Society; a man whose efforts have placed our Society at the top when compared with the other state societies of the United States. This man is Dr. Otto U. King, our esteemed secretary. One line from him, that was embodied in a letter received by all of us recently, has been indelibly impressed upon my mind—'What kind of a society would we have if all the members were like you?' This question is asked each of us to ask ourselves. How many did? And what were the replies? 'What kind of a society would we have in Indiana, if all of us were like our Doctor King?' I would like to ask. I dare say without fear of dispute that, were we all like our most efficient secretary, we would have reached the ideal dental society.

"Doctor King's labors for our cause have been most unselfish; his reward has been insignificant and entirely incommensurate to the time and energy spent; mere money could not buy the service he has so freely given. So, with the idea of showing that this organization is not blind to the debt of gratitude we owe, we have secured a little token which it is now my proud pleasure to bestow upon our brother-man. Doctor King, it is indeed a happy time when we are able to express thanks and appreciation to you for all that you have done for us in the past years. This comes as a surprise to you, and since it is a surprise it really is the more sincere. Take this ring from us and wear it always, knowing that forever we are your loving friends and, as you look upon it from time to time, know that every scintillation from this true stone is a wish from a true friend for your future happiness, health and prosperity. And, Doctor King, you alone are not the only one who has made a sacrifice that our Society might prosper. The members of your family have often been deprived of the father's company when he worked late; often have they suffered unintentional slights when you were so busy for us; many times perhaps have they received a short reply when your mind was proccupied with our affairs. We are not unmindful of those for whose happiness you are primarily always laboring. This token of our esteem is for the home-folks; take it to them with our best wishes and kindest regards."

The magnificent diamond ring will always remain one of Doctor King's most valued possessions; the token for the "home-folks" was a beautiful cut glass vase. Doctor King is also editor of the *Official Bulletin,* published in Indiana, which was established in 1913 at the meeting of the National Dental Association, which assembled at Kansas City, Missouri, at which time the Doctor was elected national secretary. The present membership of the National Dental Association numbers

24,000, the largest dental organization in the world. The Doctor is also the editor of the *Official Bulletin* of the National Dental Association.

While the Doctor's practice and official duties demand a great deal of his time, he has still found opportunity to identify himself prominently with religious work. In connection with the First Methodist Episcopal church in Huntington, he served as superintendent of the Sunday school for thirteen years, during which time the membership increased from 375 to over 2,000 pupils, making it probably the largest Sunday school of the denomination in the state at that time. Subsequently he helped to organize two other Sunday schools, one in 1911 and one in 1913, one being the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal of Huntington, the Doctor being one of the four trustees of that church, as well as a member of the board of trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal church. At present he is active, using his influence and means in the building of a new Methodist Episcopal church, not to cost less than $60,000, and of this he is a member of the building committee. Mrs. King is also a devoted member of the church, and has been active in its movements and its manifold charities. Doctor King is a member of the Commercial Club. His political belief makes him a republican, but politics have played only a small part in his life. He was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson as a delegate to the Sixth International Dental Congress to be convened in London, England, in 1914.

On December 23, 1898, Doctor King was married to Miss Mayme Beaver, daughter of Daniel G. and Miranda (Hawley) Beaver. She was born March 16, 1876, in Huntington county, Indiana, and has been the mother of two children, Helen Alberta, who was born February 12, 1900, and Walter W., born May 31, 1902.

Francis Irving Stults. The technical education of the practitioner of law avails him but little unless he had laid a foundation for it of broad general knowledge and made a careful study of human nature. When he took up the practice of law Francis Irving Stults, of Huntington, brought to the profession a mental equipment such as few men acquire save after a lifetime of study. For several years he had been an educator, teaching the common branches in the public schools and later specializing in college. Having as a student earned the degrees of Bachelor of Philosophy and Bachelor of Laws, he found opportunity to perfect his knowledge of law, and with this thorough preparation was able to almost immediately make a place for himself among the successful men of his profession. He has also been a decided factor in political affairs in his county, and at the present time is serving efficiently in the capacity of postmaster of Huntington.

Mr. Stults is a native of the county in which he now resides, having been born in Clear Creek township, of German and Scotch descent. His father, William Stults, came from Stark county, Ohio, in 1848, and after a trip overland settled in Huntington county, clearing a farm in Clear Creek township, where the son was born. When still

a child, Francis I. Stults moved with his parents to a farm just north of the town of Huntington, on the Stults road, where he was reared, and from which place he attended the districts schools of the locality. This training was supplemented by attendance at the Huntington High school, where he was graduated in June, 1893, and in the following year he completed the course of the Huntington Business University. He became, in 1895, a student of DePauw University, at Greencastle, Indiana, from which institution he was graduated in 1898, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. While in that college he made an enviable record along various lines. He was a member of the Phi Delta Theta, Theta Nu Epsilon and Kappa Phi Omricon, Kappa class fraternities, and in his junior and senior years, in addition to carrying his regular courses, participated actively in college politics, having been elected business manager of the college annual and twice elected manager of the College Glee and Mandolin Clubs, which he conducted on tours through the states of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Kentucky. From 1898 to 1900 Mr. Stults served as principal of high schools, first at Monument City, Indiana, and later in Huntington township, and when he gave up educational work temporarily entered the Harvard University Law School, at Cambridge, Massachusetts. This, together with work done at the Universities of New York and Columbia, completed his law course in 1904. In that year he accepted the professorships of English Oratory and Commercial Law, at Peekskill Military Academy, Peekskill, New York, but after two years returned to Huntington, where he has since been engaged in the successful practice of his profession. He early entered politics, and after serving as precinct committeeman and vice-chairman and chairman of the county republican committee, was in 1907 made a member of the republican state committee from the Eleventh Indiana Congressional District, a capacity in which he acted until 1911. In March, 1910, Mr. Stults was appointed by President Taft to the office of postmaster at Huntington, upon the recommendation of Sen. Albert J. Beveridge, and this position he has continued to capably fill to the present time. An alert, progressive citizen, well posted upon matters of importance of the day, he is doing all in his power to advance the best interests of his city, and both as lawyer and public official stands high in the confidence of the people of Huntington. Mr. Stults is unmarried.

Samuel V. Hite, who has attained distinction by a successful business career and has been accorded public honors in recognition of his helpful and public-spirited citizenship, has been a resident of Huntington county for comparatively but a few years, but during this time has demonstrated his ability in several lines of endeavor. In the office of county surveyor of Huntington county, he is continuing to render capable service to his adopted community and has made friends among the men of all political parties.

Mr. Hite is a native of Ohio, having been born near the town of Pleasantville, Fairfield county, August 16, 1866, the eldest son of John

A. and Charity (Geiger) Hite. His grandfather, Samuel Hite, was born in Virginia, but in young manhood moved to Fairfield county, Ohio, and in 1804 settled on a farm in Walnut township, on which he carried on operations during the remainder of his life. There both he and his wife Catherine passed away. Mr. Hite was a soldier in the American service during the War of 1812. John A. Hite was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, May 17, 1838, was educated in the public schools, and early adopted the calling of an agriculturist, to which he devoted the active years of his life and passed away on his farm. He achieved a satisfactory measure of success and was a man who gained the respect and esteem of those with whom he came into contact. Mr. Hite married Charity Geiger, who was born at Pleasantville, Ohio, and she still survives and makes her home in the city of Akron. To them there were born eight children, of whom seven are still living, four in Ohio and three in Huntington county, Indiana.

The early education of Samuel V. Hite was secured in the common schools of Fairfield county, which he attended during the winter months, giving the remainder of the year to assisting his father in the work of the homestead place. This primary training was supplemented by attendance at the Union Academy, and following this he went to Lebanon, Ohio, where he entered the National Normal University, and continued his studies for some time. In 1889 Mr. Hite came to Indiana, first locating near Markle, Huntington county, where he followed farming and stock-raising until 1896. His next location was Wells county, Indiana, where he was identified with the oil business, his operations in this line later taking him to Grant county. After dealing in oil there for several years he came to Huntington county, and, locating in Rock Creek township, purchased forty-eight acres of land. For some years Mr. Hite has been actively interested in democratic politics. In 1912 he became his party's candidate for the office of county surveyor, was elected at the polls, and took office in May, 1913, for the term of two years. His administration of affairs has been eminently successful and satisfactory and has placed him in a very favorable light before the public. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and his genial and pleasing personality has made him popular with his fellow-members in the local lodge.

In 1890 Mr. Hite was married to Miss Ella Broyles, of Huntington county, daughter of John M. Broyles, formerly of Fairfield county, Ohio, and to this union there have been born five children: Hazel D., Harry B., who is a deputy in his father's office, John L., Augusta and Margaret.

John Glass Kitch. Huntington county has been the home of Mr. Kitch for sixty years, since his infancy. Many of the older residents recall him as a teacher in the district schools, and for nearly thirty years he has been identified with mercantile enterprise in the city of Huntington. Substantial prosperity has rewarded the efforts of Mr. Kitch during his career, and he is one of the men of high standing and integrity in his community.

John Glass Kitch was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, April 16, 1852, and has lived in Huntington county since 1853. Daniel and Nancy (Glass) Kitch, to whom he was the oldest child born, were both natives of Columbiana county, Ohio, where they were reared, educated and married. Daniel Kitch, who was a farmer and carpenter, in 1853, came to Huntington county, locating on a farm in Clear Creek township. His first purchase of land amounted to eighty acres, and his thrift and industry added to that until he owned two hundred and forty acres, all of which he improved with fences, clearings, excellent buildings and for years he was one of the most prosperous farmers in the township. He was honored with the office of justice of the peace, and was noted for his many manly qualities and sterling integrity. His death occurred January 12, 1913. The mother of J. G. Kitch is still living.

On the home farm in Clear Creek township, John G. Kitch grew to manhood. His attendance at school was chiefly limited to the winter seasons, and later he attended the normal school in Huntington. His home was on the farm until 1885. In the meantime he had taken up the profession of teaching in the country, beginning with his nineteenth year, and altogether his career as an educator continued through eleven years. As a farmer he bought a portion of a farm adjoining the old homestead in Clear Creek township, comprising eighty acres, and was a successful farmer and stock raiser until 1885. In that year he moved to Huntington, and established a stock of groceries. His business as a grocer was conducted for fifteen years, and in 1900 he disposed of his goods and became associated as an employe with Marion B. Stults, and has given much efficient service to that well known Huntington merchant for the past fourteen years.

In 1878 Mr. Kitch married Miss Maggie E. Stults, a half-sister of Marion B. Stults. Her father was Jacob Stults, and her mother's maiden name was Kennedy. Mr. Kitch has two children: Dessie B., the wife of Dr. Wallace S. Grayston, a prominent physician and surgeon in Huntington, and Chester S. Kitch, who is in the real estate business at Fort Wayne. Mr. Kitch and wife have membership in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Huntington, which he has served as treasurer for several years. His fraternal relations are with the Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Kitch owns valuable city property, which gives him an income, and a substantial residence on the corner of Byron and Washington Streets.

William F. Smith, M. D. Both professional success and influential activity as a citizen have marked the career of Dr. Smith in Huntington county, where he has been in active practice about thirteen years. Few physicians have accomplished or gained higher recognition in the profession than Dr. Smith. An eclectic in practice, and a man of broad and liberal views, Dr. Smith in 1912 was elected president of the Indiana State Eclectic Medical Association. Until his removal to Huntington a few years ago, Dr. Smith was long engaged in practice at Bippus, and had one of the largest country practices enjoyed by any physician

in this section of the state. In fact, the calls upon his service demanded so much time and energy that he was finally forced to abandon what was otherwise a most congenial location and relationship, and has since practiced in the cities of Marion and Huntington.

William Fulton Smith was born in Grant county, Indiana, November 30, 1864. His father, Francis Smith, was of an old American family, and several of his ancestors served on the American side in the war of the Revolution. His mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Kennedy, was born in Delaware county, Indiana, and of Scotch-Irish stock. The father and mother were married in Delaware county, and reared a family of twelve children, of whom brief mention is made of the following: Jennie, wife of Elkanah Edwards, of Converse, Indiana; Andrew J., deceased, who was a business man at Swayzee, in Grant county, first married Lydia Hayden, and later a Mrs. Gillian; Mary L., is the wife of John T. Rich, living in Liberty township, Grant county; James W., who died in Missouri, married a Miss Elliott, a sister to the late Judge Elliott, and later married Mary A. Carmichael; John R., whose home is in Grant county, married Mattie Saylors; Rebecca became the wife of James Galbraith, a hardware merchant at Van Buren; Emma is the wife of James Ward, of Blackford county.

Dr. Smith was reared on his father's farm in Grant county. Up to his seventeenth year he attended the country school. In the meantime his ambition had been definitely directed toward the profession of medicine. As a means to that end he entered the drug store, learned practical pharmacy, and from his savings finally entered the Eclectic Medical College of Indianapolis, where he was graduated. Dr. Smith is a man of progressive temperament and ideals, and has never stopped learning. In 1895 he graduated from the Physio-Medical College of Indianapolis, and subsequently received a diploma from the Chicago Post Graduate School. In the meantime he had taken up practice and spent a short while at Marion and also for a while was at Indianapolis.

In 1897 Dr. Smith located at Bippus in Huntington county. His thorough equipment, his ready success, and his personal characteristics soon brought him a large patronage, and in a few years the calls upon his service were such that he might have been in active duty every hour out of the twenty-four. Night and day he was on the road, attending his patients over a broad territory extending about Bippus for many miles, and it was this incessant devotion to duty in handling one of the largest country practices in that part of the state that finally made it imperative that he transfer his office and practice to the city. He found it contrary to his desires to give up part of his practice while retaining the rest, and in order to solve the difficulty finally left Bippus altogether, in December, 1905. Moving to Marion, and locating in the Glass Block, he soon built up a good office business, but was not satisfied with his environment in Marion, and returned to Huntington county and opened his office in the city of Huntington, on January 1, 1908.

During his residence at Bippus, Dr. Smith served about two years

as United States Pension Examiner, until he resigned in 1905, and moved to Marion. Also while at Bippus he was appointed a member of the board of health of the state. In 1912 he was honored with election as president of the Indiana State Eclectic Medical Association. He is examiner for a number of Life Insurance Companies, and chief medical examiner in this section of Indiana for the Farmers National Life Insurance Company, a new and growing corporation, whose business is done chiefly in the agricultural community.

Dr. Smith has taken two systems of medicine, and while an eclectic, he has no quarrel with other schools, and is a member of the Huntington County Medical Society of the regular school of medicine. Dr. Smith has qualified himself for his life work by his own untiring energy, and in addition, possesses a strong and sympathetic nature, well calculated to give him the confidence of his patients. As a typical family physician, uniting both the characteristics of the old-time country doctor and the modern physician, he is regarded as one of the best in Huntington county. He maintains a fine office, equipped with all modern appliances, has a good library, and keeps himself thoroughly informed on all the current thought and progress of his profession. He has contributed a number of articles to different periodicals, and his name is best known outside the immediate limits of his profession.

Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has passed all the chairs in his lodge and represented the local order in the grand lodge of the state. He is also a member of the Woodmen of the World. In politics he was a Democrat up to 1898, and has since voted in the Republican interests. He is the president of the city board of health.

Dr. Smith first married Miss Ida M. Zirkle, a daughter of William and Amanda Zirkle, a family of German descent. Mrs. Smith died in December, 1900, the mother of two children. The older of these, India Hazel, graduated from the common schools at the age of twelve, with the highest general average in the county, and has since finished the high school course and graduated from the Marion Normal College. The son, Ivan E., is now a graduate dentist from the Northwestern University of Chicago, has passed the State Board Examinations and is located at Mishawaka, Indiana. In January, 1902, Dr. Smith married Miss Fairy M. Howenstine. One son has been born to this union, Harold G. Smith, now about seven years of age.

Donald A. Purviance. One of Huntington's progressive and popular citizens, who, by his own unaided efforts and individual worth, has gone forward step by step until he is now at the head of one of the city's most prominent industries, is Donald A. Purviance, president and treasurer of the firm of Weber & Purviance, extensive dealers in grain, hay, flour, feed, wire fence, livestock and wool. Although still a young man, Mr. Purviance's connection with large enterprises has given him a substantial standing among the men who are making Huntington a center of business activity, and his management of large affairs has been

such as to gain the unqualified confidence of his associates in his ability.

Mr. Purviance has spent his entire life in Huntington, having been born in this city March 21, 1888, the only son of David A. and Elizabeth (McCaughey) Purviance. His father, who is identified with various interests industrial and financial here, is known as a capitalist, and his helpful activities have done and are doing much to promote and build up the city. The early education of Donald A. Purviance was acquired in the public and high schools of his native city, and after his graduation from the latter he went to Worcester, Massachusetts, where he continued to pursue his studies for some time. Returning home, he soon entered the Indiana University, at Bloomington, where he took a two years' course, and then entered the University of Pennsylvania, in which institution of learning he spent one year. His advent in the world of business occurred in 1903, when he became a member of the firm of Weber & Purviance, which was incorporated during that same year with a capital stock of $50,000, Mr. Purviance being elected president and treasurer, offices which he has continued to ably fill to the present time. The building in Huntington in which the business is carried on is a capacious one, being 44x132 feet, is well stocked with a complete line of the company's products, and is well equipped with modern appliances and appurtenances for the successful transaction of business. Three elevators are maintained, one each at Huntington, Mardenis and Simpson, the last-named being managed by Charles Bluffton, although all are under the management of Weber & Purviance. These elevators are admirably and conveniently situated, being located on the lines of the Wabash, Erie and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads.

Mr. Purviance is unmarried. His political support has been given to the republican party, but his great business interests have precluded any idea of his entering actively the field of politics. Beneficial movements in his community always have his hearty support and cooperation, however, for the welfare of his city has ever been near his heart. He has been prominent in fraternal circles, and at this time holds membership in Amity Blue Lodge No. 483, A. F. & A. M., and Huntington Chapter No. 27, R. A. M. He is a general favorite in social circles of the city and the number of his friendships is only limited by the size of his acquaintance.

Lewis C. Strodel. As a meat market supplying all the wants of a large trade and with all the best facilities of the business, the shop of Lewis C. Strodel at 620 N. Jefferson Street in Huntington leaves nothing to be desired, from any point of view from which it may be judged. Mr. Strodel was brought up in the meat business, which has put him in successful position in competition with the other business men of his community.

Born in the city of Huntington, September 11, 1858, he is the second son living of John G. Strodel. The father was born in Germany in September, 1802, emigrated to America in 1854, and after a brief period

of entertainment at Castle Garden came to Huntington, where the father set up a small shop for the manufacture of sausage, which he later expanded to a general meat market. That was his business until his death, on May 16, 1876. His wife, who died in 1904, was Miss Anna B. Schalk, also a native of Germany.

Lewis C. Strodel was educated in the German Lutheran school, and had the privileges of school attendance up to his fourteenth year. After that he was in the public schools for a time. After his school days were finished he began learning the butchering trade with Nicholas Bayruther, and under the supervision of that skillful worker completed his practical knowledge of the trade. In 1882 Mr. Strodel started in business on his own account, and is now one of the oldest established men in his line in the city of Huntington. He has a large trade, and it has been his constant study and desire to furnish reliable service in every department of his business.

In 1883 Mr. Strodel married Miss Millie Bullerman. They are the parents of three children: Edward J., Meala and Paula. The family home is at 703 Oak Street. A democrat in politics, Mr. Strodel has never held office, although he has done a good deal in behalf of his friends in politics. He is an intelligent man, a lover of books and of good reading, and has a wide knowledge of politics and current affairs.

The Sayler Family in Huntington county has borne an important part in the legal profession and in public affairs for more than half a century, and the following interesting sketch prepared by a member of the family is a very appropriate chapter in the biographical annals of the county.

The earliest known ancestor of the Sayler family was Burckhardt Sailer, a wealthy citizen of Nuremberg, Bavaria, who died in 1390 and lies buried in St. Siebald's Church behind the choir. The coat of arms of the Sayler (Sailer) family has on the helm (top) a black eagle, bearing on each of the wings and on the breast a lamp, the whole arranged in the form of a shield. There are still in Switzerland, living in the city of Berne and in official life, descendants of Burckhardt Sailer. The earliest progenitors in this country were Daniel and Jacob Sayler. They came to America in 1730 and first settled in Pennsylvania, but the family afterwards moved to Maryland. Daniel Sayler, the direct progenitor of the branch of the Sayler family who live in Huntington county, was born in 1708 in Switzerland. He became a man of wealth and influence, and died in Frederick county, Maryland, in 1778. Ten children were born to Daniel Sayler and his wife, Anna.

Their fourth child, Christian Sayler, was born March 8, 1742, and removed with his father to Frederick county, Maryland. He erected for himself a stone house and a stone mill and followed his trade, that of a miller. The stone house and the mill are still standing, the mill still grinding wheat and corn for the country round about, telling its story of usefulness and reviving the memories of the days that are gone in the whirr of the millstone and in the rush of the water to its fore-bay. There

were born to Christian and his wife ten children, the fourth of whom was Daniel, who was born on the eleventh day of March, 1770, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and who moved to Maryland with his father when he was quite young.

About the year 1800, after the death of his father, he moved with his mother to Franklin county, Virginia, and in 1807 moved to Preble county, Ohio, where he followed his trade as a miller and a millwright. He was prominent in the early politics of Ohio, being a member of the early legislatures of the state. He was a man of genial disposition and kindly character and was universally beloved. At his death on March 15, 1857, he was more than eighty-seven years of age. The writer of this sketch was present at his funeral—a babe less than a year old, thus making at this time the span of the two lives more than one hundred and forty-four years.

The seventh child of Hon. Daniel Sayler was Dr. Martin Z. Sayler, the father of Judge Henry B. Sayler. He was born on the thirtieth day of November, 1808, in Preble county, Ohio. On the seventeenth of June, 1835, he was married to Barbara Hipple, a daughter of Judge Henry Hipple. In 1836 he moved to Clinton county, Indiana, and there practiced his profession, that of a physician and surgeon. He was renowned for his learning and skill in his profession, and practiced it for more than thirty years. Always greatly interested in public affairs, he was a member of the House of Representatives of the Indiana General Assembly during the years 1840 and 1841. He was a democrat until the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion, when he became a republican, and remained in that political faith until his death. In 1865, after retiring from the practice of medicine, he moved to Andrews, in Huntington county, and became engaged in farming. He died on the seventh day of March, 1884.

Judge Henry B. Sayler was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, on the 31st day of March, 1836, and died at Huntington, Indiana, on the 18th day of June, 1900. In 1836 when an infant he was taken with his parents to Clinton county, Indiana, where he spent his early boyhood. Judge Sayler's education was almost entirely that of the common schools. He attended Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, part of one year, 1852-53, but was obliged to suspend his studies on account of diseased eyes. Not long afterward he began teaching school in Fulton county, Illinois, and studying law. In 1855 he went to Preble county, Ohio, where he taught school and studied law, and on the 24th day of February, 1859, was admitted to the bar of Ohio by the Supreme Court of that State. Afterward he was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the State of Indiana. On the 31st day of March, 1874, on his thirty-eighth birthday, he was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States on motion of the Hon. Luke P. Poland of Vermont. He was a member of the American Bar Association from 1889 until his death and had served on one of its most important committees.

On the 17th day of January, 1856, he was married to Isabella Hart, a daughter of Samuel Hart, late of Preble county, Ohio. In March,

1859, Judge Sayler with his family, moved to Indiana, first to Delphi, remaining there only a few weeks, and then coming to Huntington on the 12th day of May, where he continued to live until his death, with the exception of one year spent at Indianapolis and at Connersville. In 1872 he was elected to the House of Representatives in Congress from the tenth congressional district of Indiana as a Republican. He became distinguished in Congress in connection with the subject of patents, and was largely instrumental in relieving the country from the onerous exactions of the sewing machine combination, which was a powerful trust for those days.

On the fifteenth day of July, 1863, Judge Sayler joined the Union army, being mustered into the service as a first lieutenant. He was promoted through the several grades to that of major of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment, Indiana Volunteers. With his regiment he was mustered out on the third day of March, 1864, having served his country in a campaign of severity and hardships not second to that of Valley Forge. This was the East Tennessee Campaign, around Knoxville. He was in the battles of Tazewell, Blue Springs, Walker's Ford, and was in a number of skirmishes. He was slightly wounded at the battle of Walker's Ford. Later he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was also a companion of the Indiana Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

On the fifteenth day of August, 1881, Governor Albert G. Porter appointed him judge of the twenty-eighth judicial circuit, composed of Huntington, Grant and Blackford counties. In 1882 he was elected his own successor for a term of six years, running ahead of his ticket. On the expiration of his term of office he declined renomination, and returned to the active practice of the law, forming a partnership with his sons, Samuel M. Sayler and John M. Sayler.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church of the city of Huntington, and from 1868 until his death was an active ruling elder of the church. In 1890 Fort Wayne Presbytery sent him as its lay commission to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., which met at Saratoga Springs, New York. At that meeting of the Assembly he was placed on the judicial committee, and on other special committees. He was selected by the General Assembly as one of the General Assembly's committee on the revision of the Confession of Faith, which was composed of fifteen ministers and ten elders, and he served on this committee for two years until its discharge. Again in 1892 he was sent to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., which met at Portland, Oregon, and was an active member of that body. Wabash College in 1890 conferred on Judge Sayler the honorary degree of LL. D. In 1892, for reasons conclusive to him, he changed his party affiliations and became a prohibitionist, deeming the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors by law to be the greatest question in politics. He continued to act with that party until his death.

On the first day of June, 1897, his wife departed this life, and so loyally true was he devoted to her and her dear memory that he never

fully recovered from the shock and the loss. Their married life was an ideal one. His wife was a woman of delightful presence, rare purity of character, and was always zealously loyal to his interests and to the interest of all good, true and worthy causes. Only two children were the fruit of the marriage of Judge Sayler and his wife—Samuel M. Sayler and John M. Sayler, both of whom survive them. Both are in the active practice of law in the city of Huntington, Indiana.

Samuel M. Sayler was born in the little town of Winchester, Preble county, Ohio, on the seventh day of November, 1856. His early education was attained in the district schools, located on the site of the present William Street school in the city of Huntington, and in the academy on State Street in the same city, named the Rural Home Institute. This district school was typical of the common schools of that day, and reading, spelling and arithmetic were the principal studies. From 1873 to 1875 he was his father's secretary, while the latter was a member of Congress. This position gave him a wide acquaintance with the public men of that day. He spent part of the year 1875-76 in the high school of Huntington, but largely prepared himself for college. In the fall of 1876 he entered the classical course of Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Indiana, as a freshman, and graduated in June, 1880, with the degree of A. B. While in college Mr. Sayler was a member of the Greek Letter fraternity, the Phi Kappa Psi, and he was also much interested in the literary societies of the college, and in his senior year was one of the Baldwin prize orators. In 1883 Wabash College conferred on him the degree of A. M. The winter of 1880-81 he spent in Texas for his health, and during that time prosecuted the study of law.

On the appointment of Judge Sayler to the bench by Governor Porter in August, 1881, Samuel M. Sayler opened an office in the rooms which had been occupied by his father, and he has been in the active practice of law ever since that time. In 1888, on the retirement of Judge Sayler from the bench, a co-partnership was formed by him with his sons, S. M. Sayler and John M. Sayler, which continued until February 13, 1899. Since that time Mr. Sayler has not had any partner in business. In June, 1881, on the motion of his father, Judge James R. Slack admitted Mr. Sayler to the practice of law in the Huntington Circuit Court. On March 11, 1890, he was admitted to the bar of the supreme court of Indiana, on the motion of Hon. Edward Daniels of Indianapolis, and his name was placed on the roll of attorneys of the court without examination, the committee appointed for that purpose recommending that it be done because of their knowledge of his worth as a lawyer. On the same day he was admitted to the bar of the Circuit Court of the United States at Indianapolis. On the fifteenth day of October, 1901, he was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States on the motion of General W. W. Dudley, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Sayler has been a member of the Indiana State Bar Association since 1903, and has been a member of the American Bar Association since 1890. At the annual meeting of the Indiana State Bar Association of 1904 he was elected a member of the International Congress of Lawyers

and Jurists which met in connection with the World's Fair in St. Louis in September, 1904. In the American Bar Association he has been a member of the executive council, holding that place for four years, and only two other members of the association from Indiana are his seniors in length of membership—Hon. C. W. Fairbanks and Judge Robert S. Taylor. On the unsought recommendation of Governor Simeon E. Baldwin, of Connecticut, Mr. Sayler was nominated and elected a member of the International Society of Comparative Law and Political Economy of Berlin. This very distinguished and unsought honor, Mr. Sayler holds in very high esteem. He is also a companion of the Indiana Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, having been a companion in the inheritance rank until the death of Judge Sayler, when he became a companion of the first rank by succession.

On the fourth day of December, 1884, Mr. Sayler was united in marriage to Miss Luella C. Daily, a daughter of the late Hon. D. O. Daily, and his wife Anna A. Daily. Mr. Daily was a distinguished lawyer and public speaker who died in early manhood on the eighth of May, 1867. He was a graduate, with the highest honors of his class in 1853, from Indiana Asbury University (now DePauw University). In the year 1860 Mr. Daily was the presidential elector from this district on the republican ticket, and cast his vote for Abraham Lincoln for president of the United States.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sayler: Oliver M., Isabella and Arthur. Oliver M. Sayler, born on the twenty-third of October, 1887, was educated in the city schools of Huntington and at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. He pursued the classical course and graduated fourth in his class of one hundred and thirty-three in the year 1909. He was elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society of Oberlin College, a society composed of the honor students of each class which is graduated from the college. He is now the dramatic editor of the *Indianapolis News,* and has also been the literary editor of the same newspaper. He was instrumental in the organization of the graduate chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Indianapolis and is secretary of the chapter. Mr. Sayler spent the summer of 1914 in Europe to better equip himself in his profession, and studied the theater in London, Paris, Berlin, Munich and Moscow. While in Europe he made extended excursions into Switzerland, Italy and Ireland. In Ireland he studied the Irish Theater and also made an extended study of west Ireland folk. Mr. Sayler ranks among the best dramatic critics of the United States. Isabella Sayler, born January 17, 1890, departed this life on the fourteenth day of November, 1903, just before she would have entered the high school. She was dearly beloved by everybody who knew her. Arthur Sayler, born January 18, 1894, is now a member of the junior class of Beloit College at Beloit, Wisconsin, and is the manager of the Glee and Mandolin clubs of the college. His early education was at the city schools of Huntington. He spent his senior preparatory year at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, graduating at that Academy in the class of 1911. His freshman year was spent at Oberlin College, but he went to

Beloit College for his sophomore year and the remainder of his college course. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity in Beloit College. He expects to study law and is interested in debating and public speaking.

Mr. S. M. Sayler has been an elder of the First Presbyterian church of Huntington since 1896. Fort Wayne Presbytery elected him a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., in 1913. As commissioner he attended the sessions of the General Assembly which were held at Atlanta, Georgia, and was a member of the judicial committee of the Assembly. Mr. Sayler is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Knights of Pythias and of the Uniform Rank. He has been a member of the Cosmopolitan Club, the only literary club for men in the city since its organization in 1893. Mr. Sayler's life is an active one, and he has been identified with very many of the movements for the betterment of the city and county.

John M. Sayler, son of Judge Henry B. Sayler, was born at Huntington, Indiana, June 12, 1866. He was educated in the city schools of Huntington, spent one year, 1886-87, at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana. While a student at Wabash College he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. After graduating at Huntington high school in the year 1855 he taught school in the common schools of the county during 1885-86. He studied law in the office of S. M. Sayler, his brother, and was admitted to the practice of law in June, 1888. Mr. Sayler has been a member of the bars of the Supreme Court of Indiana, and the Circuit Court of the United States for a number of years. In 1888, on the retirement of Judge Sayler from the bench, he became a member of the law firm of Sayler and Sayler, which continued to exist until February 15, 1899, when the partnership was dissolved. Since that time he has not had any partner in business.

On the second day of October, 1890, he was united in marriage to Jennie Wampler, a daughter of Samuel Wampler and his wife, Agnes Wampler, of Montgomery county, Ohio. Mr. Wampler is one of the most substantial farmers of that wealthy county. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sayler: Agnes and Henry B. Agnes Sayler received her education in the city schools of Huntington, graduating in the class of 1908, and spent a part of one year at the Indiana State University, Bloomington, Indiana. On the fifteenth day of August, 1912, she was united in marriage to Howard T. Cate of Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Mr. Cate is engaged in the selling and distribution of the Children's Cyclopædia, published by the Dickson-Rucker Company of Chicago, with which company Mr. Cate holds a responsible position.

Henry B. Sayler, the second child of John M. Sayler and wife, was born at Huntington, Indiana, November 4, 1893, and received his early education in the city schools and the high school of Huntington. In 1910 he was appointed a cadet to West Point Military Academy by Hon. Albert J. Beveridge, United States senator from Indiana. He took his course, preparatory to examination for entrance at West Point, in Captain Braden's school at West Point.

Mr. John M. Sayler is an ardent republican, not the least tinged with what he calls Bull Moosism. In 1910 he was a candidate for the nomination for representative in Congress. The convention lasted for two full days and Huntington county gave to him its full number of votes for one hundred and twenty-six ballots, but the nomination finally went to John L. Thompson of Grant county, and he was defeated in the election. Mr. Sayler is a charter member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Huntington, Indiana. He is engaged in the practice of law, and is particularly strong as an advocate in the examination of witnesses. He is a public-spirited citizen.

Sexton Emley. In the death of Sexton Emley on October 30, 1890, there passed away one of the ablest and best known of the old-time Huntington county citizens. He had lived here from the pioneer era, grew to manhood in this county, and for many years was identified with its life and affairs as a farmer and an official.

Sexton Emley was born in Salem county, New Jersey, July 30, 1825, and was past sixty-five years of age at the time of his death. He was the tenth in a family of fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters, born to John R. and Mary (Cook) Emley. John R. Emley was born in Monmouth county, New Jersey, April 6, 1787, and the latter was born in Burlington county, November 6, 1790. The Emley family was notable for its longevity. Of the fourteen children, nine of them lived beyond middle age at one time, the youngest being about fifty-five and the oldest nearly eighty.

On the first day of October, 1834, when Sexton Emley was nine years old, his parents set out with two wagons to immigrate to the far west. On reaching Warren county, Ohio, they visited relatives for one month. Resuming their journey on January 6, 1835, they arrived in what was then the village of Huntington, containing perhaps a dozen houses. John R. Emley had previously entered a tract of two hundred and forty acres of woodland in section twenty-nine, Clear Creek township. His log cabin home then erected provided the first shelter for the family, who took possession on Washington's birthday in 1835. In that pioneer environment Sexton Emley grew to manhood and had very few advantages of schooling, getting a practical equipment for life from books read in his home, observation of men and affairs, and by the handling of tools and the experience of a pioneer farm. Being the youngest son, he lived with his father and mother until he reached the age of twenty-nine. On April 30, 1854, he married Lydia Margaret Creager, a native of Whitley county, Indiana, where she was born November 11, 1839. Her parents were Samuel and Mary Leslie Creager, both natives of Montgomery county, Ohio. Samuel Creager and wife were married in Montgomery county in 1837 and settled in the woods of Whitley county, Indiana, where they were living at the time of the birth of their daughter, Lydia Margaret. For two years after his marriage Sexton Emley continued to farm the old home place in Clear Creek township. In 1857 he settled on a farm of his own, which he had bought in section twenty-

eight of the same township. That was his home until the fall of 1869, when he moved to Tract thirteen in Huntington township, where the rest of the years of his life were spent. As a farmer and a stock raiser, he was regarded as one of the most successful in Huntington county.

Mrs. Lydia M. Emley died January 13, 1873. On the ninth of June, 1875, he married Julia A. Campbell. She was born in the city of Huntington, May 12, 1849, the daughter of Joseph Campbell, who settled in this county about 1848. The late Sexton Emley was the father of nine children, the first eight by his first wife and one by his second marriage. These children are: Delano A. V., Henry L., Emma C., Olive A., Mary L., Tilman H., John R., Roscoe and Rudy L. Mr. Emley was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while his second wife belonged to the United Brethren.

The political career of Sexton Emley will be found in the township and county official record. His allegiance was in early life given to the democratic party, but after 1856 he supported with ardor the principles of republicanism. In the spring of 1847, when but twenty-one years of age, he was elected clerk of Clear Creek township, and re-elected so that he served altogether nearly five years. He resigned as clerk to accept the democratic nomination for county commissioner, to which office he was elected as an independent candidate, receiving not only the support of the democrats, but also of the whigs. In the fall of 1858 he was nominated by the republicans for re-election, but was defeated by his brother Samuel, the democratic candidate. Mr. Emley was elected trustee of Clear Creek township in 1860, and for ten successive terms served in that office, each time with increased majority. On moving to Huntington township he resigned the office in September, 1869. His preferment for the larger honors of county politics began in June, 1872, when the republicans nominated him for the office of county treasurer. In the following October, 1875, he received a majority of 130, the largest majority ever given a county officer up to that time. Every township gave him a majority of the votes except one, and that was lost by only one ballot. His old home township, Clear Creek, gave only forty-one votes to the opposition. In 1878 Mr. Emley was the candidate of his party for state representative, but was defeated by the democratic candidate. In all his official capacities he discharged his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constitutents. As a business man Sexton Emley gained many of the satisfying rewards of industry and energetic management. Before his death he owned a handsome farm in Huntington township of five hundred and twenty-six acres, most of it in cultivation. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Masonic and Odd Fellow Lodges, and had friends by the hundreds among all parties and all classes.

Henry L. Emley. The second son of Sexton and Lydia (Creager) Emley, Henry L. Emley, has been for upwards of forty years identified with banking affairs at Huntington, and is now vice president and cashier of the Huntington County Bank. All his life has been spent in this

county. He is a product of the public schools and left the farm to take his first position and gain his first experience in a bank at the county seat. To his management and his genial personality is due much of the success of the solid old institution through which he has rendered service to the business community for the past quarter of a century.

Henry L. Emley was born on his father's farm in Clear Creek township, Huntington county, March 4, 1859. Reared as a farmer boy, he attended the country schools and later was educated in the schools of Huntington. On leaving the high school he took a commercial course at Dayton, Ohio, and in 1876, at the age of seventeen found employment in the First National Bank of Huntington as a bookkeeper. His work with the First National continued from 1876 to 1887. In the latter year he was made cashier of the Huntington County Bank, and has since advanced to a place among the stockholders and official and executive directors of the institution.

On October 26, 1881, Mr. Emley married Miss Cassie Brown, of Huntington, a daughter of Henry and Sarah A. (Pomroy) Brown, old residents of this city.

Three children have been born to their marriage: Neil B., now in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company; Don Pomroy, formerly a clerk in the Huntington County Bank, but now with the Erie Railroad Engineering Corps; and Paul Emley, with the Western Electric Company of Chicago. The mother of these children died June 9, 1912. Fraternally Mr. Emley is affiliated with Huntington Lodge, No. 805, B. P. O. E., and with LaFontaine Lodge, No. 42, I. O. O. F. He is recognized as a shrewd and enterprising business man of Huntington, has lived here and enjoyed the confidence of the community through all his active life, and is one of the leaders in affairs. His church where he worships is the Central Christian, and being an amateur in musical matters he is a member of the church orchestra.

John R. Emley. Few Huntington county families have been so prominently identified with the agricultural and business interests and civic affairs, since pioneer times, as the Emleys. Mr. John R. Emley is one of the best known bankers in the state, his standing and popularity being shown by his choice as the head of the state association. When a boy he started his career as a clerk in one of the local institutions, and now for a number of years has been cashier and chief executive head of the First National Bank of Huntington. His brother, Henry L. Emley, is cashier of the Huntington County Bank, so that the family is represented in two of the most substantial financial institutions of the county.

John R. Emley was born in Clear Creek township of Huntington county, October 6, 1869. His parents were Sexton and Lydia (Creager) Emley. Sexton Emley, who died a few years ago, was long prominent in Huntington county, not only as a farmer, but as a business man and public official. His career is given appropriate mention and somewhat in detail on other pages of this work. Mrs. Lydia Emley was born in Whitley county, Indiana, a daughter of Samuel M. Creager, who later became one of the early settlers in Huntington county.

Marion B. Stults

John R. Emley grew up as farmer boy, had a district school education, and all his early experience was bounded by the horizon of the home farm. At the age of eighteen he entered the employ of the Huntington County Bank as bookkeeper. Two years later he was advanced to the position of assistant cashier, a position in which he gave efficient service for twelve years. In 1902 Mr. Emley was elected cashier of the First National Bank, and has enjoyed the confidence of his associates and by his considerate treatment of patrons and liberal but conservative management of affairs has done much to give the First National Bank its high standing in local banking circles.

In October, 1892, Mr. Emley married Miss Lucy L. Lans, of Huntington, a daughter of H. D. Lans, of La Porte, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Emley are the parents of one daughter, Ruth. She is a graduate of the Huntington high school and is now a student in the La Salle Seminary, an exclusive girls' school near Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Emley is one of the directors of the First National Bank. He belongs to the local banking association, and was chosen president of the Indiana State Association for the years 1912-13. Fraternally his associations are with LaFontaine Lodge, No. 42, I. O. O. F. and Encampment, in which he has passed all the chairs, and for a number of years served as treasurer of Huntington Lodge, No. 805, B. P. O. E. In politics he is a Republican. At 336 West Matilda Street he and his family reside in a modern and substantial brick residence, one of the best homes in Huntington. He was a member of the School Board for three years and served several years as treasurer of the Huntington County Republican Central Committee.

Marion Best Stults. A lifelong resident of Huntington county is Marion Best Stults, for the past thirty years a builder of individual business success and promoter of everything for the betterment of his community. His record as county school superintendent is remembered to his credit; as a member of the school board he has assisted in the advancement of the Huntington schools, and belongs to the group of local citizens whose influence and activities have done most to keep up the standards of social and civic culture and well being in the county.

Born in Clear Creek township, Huntington county, May 13, 1855, Marion Best Stults is of substantial and thrifty German ancestry. His great-grandfather, George Stults, came from his native fatherland to America some time between the years 1740 and 1750, settling in North Carolina. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and died a short time after the winning of independence.

John Harmon Stults, the grandfather, was born in North Carolina, June 10, 1779, while the Revolutionary war was still in progress. From North Carolina he moved into Pennsylvania where in 1806 he married Catherine Smith, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1783, a daughter of George Smith, who was also a soldier of the Revolution, and was taken prisoner by the British during that war. John H. Stults, in 1816, moved to Stark county, Ohio, where he lived until 1848, in which year he moved

to Whitley county, Indiana. In 1855 he became a resident of the county of Huntington, where he died ten years later at the good old age of eighty-six. His wife died in Huntington county in 1862.

Next in line of descent comes Jacob Stults, father of the Huntington merchant. The ninth in a family of ten children, Jacob was born in Stark county, Ohio, February 3, 1824. His early boyhood and youth were spent upon a farm. When he was twenty-one years of age, in 1845, he began teaching school, and was identified with that high and useful calling twenty-one years. In the meantime, about 1850, he moved to Huntington county, Indiana, and while teaching during the winter seasons, also operated eighty acres of land which he had bought in Clear Creek township. That continued to be his home until 1888, when he retired from active life, and thereafter had his home in the city of Huntington until his death, October 10, 1897, at the age of seventy-three. On March 25, 1852, Jacob Stults married Miss Margaret E. Best, a daughter of James C. Best of Huntington county. She was born in Kentucky, but when a child her parents moved to Indiana, the date of their arrival in Huntington county being September 15, 1839. She died in Clear Creek township in 1855, at the early age of twenty-nine years. The only child of Jacob and Margaret Stults with Marion B. On May 18, 1856, Jacob Stults married Miss Harriet Kennedy, of Virginia, a daughter of John and Ann (Lyle) Kennedy. Their union resulted in four children: Maggie E., Sherman P., Addie B. and Howard B. In politics Jacob Stults first voted in behalf of the whig party, and remained a republican from the beginning of that party until his death. He was active in the Methodist church. His record was one of considerable prosperity from a material point of view, and he always possessed and deserved the esteem of his community as an upright and exemplary citizen.

Thus it is seen that the Huntington merchant first named in this article comes of a long line of thrifty and honorable ancestors, and in his own career has lived up to the standards of his forbears. He was two weeks old when his mother died, and he was reared under the care of his step-mother. With a boyhood spent on a farm he learned the lessons of industry, and had a wholesome environment that gave him a physical constitution equal to the exigencies of business life. From the local public schools he afterwards entered the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, where he was a student two years, his purpose then being to take up the profession of teaching. From the fall of 1873 until 1881 he taught in the districts schools, and in 1879 was elected county superintendent of schools of Huntington county. He held that office for one term of two years, and was instrumental in that time in introducing many important reforms in the local system of education. He had and still has high ideals as to the place that public schools should fill in any community, and has contributed more than an average individual share to making the Huntington county schools the best in the state. In November, 1882, on leaving school work, Mr. Stults engaged in the furniture and undertaking business at Huntington. Through that line

of commercial endeavor he had reached his chief business prosperity and success, and early in his career built up the largest establishment of its kind in the county seat. His has always been a record of business integrity and fair dealing, and his judgment, diligence and promptness in meeting all obligations have been chief causes in his advancement.

On March 1, 1914, Mr. Stults was elected president of the Huntington Trust Company, one of the prosperous banking concerns of Huntington. He is also a director of the Huntington Commercial Club. At the present time he is a member of the Indiana State Board of Embalmers, having been appointed in November, 1908, by Governor Hanley, and reappointed by Governor Marshall, who is now vice president of the United States.

In politics Mr. Stults has long been active in the interests of the Republican party in Huntington county. Besides his service as county school superintendent, thirty years ago, he has served as a member of the city school board, from 1895 to 1898, and in that connection did much important work for the welfare of the school. In 1902 he was elected representative of Huntington county, as a republican, and continued to serve by reelection in the sessions of 1903, 1905 and 1907. He was a member of several important committees, such as insurance and education, and was chairman of the committee on rights and privileges of the inhabitants of the state, and also on banks. Mr. Stults has taken a prominent part in Masonic affairs, and his affiliations are with Amity Lodge No. 483, A. F. & A. M.; Huntington Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; Huntington Council No. 51, R. & S. M.; Huntington Commandery No. 35, Knights Templar, and he is also a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and belongs to Mizpah Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Fort Wayne. He has affiliation with Huntington Lodge No. 93, Knights of Pythias. Mr. Stults is also an active and prominent member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Huntington, and was elected by the North Indiana Conference as a lay delegate to the General Conference of 1912 held at Minneapolis, Minnesota. In December, 1879, occurred his marriage with Miss Lydia Mishler, of Clear Creek township. Her father was Jacob Mishler, a well known farmer in that section of the county. Two children, Clarence and Mae, were born to their marriage. Both are deceased, Clarence dying in infancy. The daughter, Mae, was married to Field A. Short.

Hon. Harmon Montgomery Purviance. Few men in Huntington county have a better record for all around efficiency in public and private life than Hon. Harmon Montgomery Purviance, a resident of the county and of the City of Huntington all his life. Besides a business activity as a furniture dealer and a funeral director, in both of which fields he has been especially successful, Mr. Purviance has entered largely into political activities, is one of the ablest republicans of his district, and became state senator for Huntington and Whitley counties in 1902, In all his enterprises Mr. Purviance has shown himself to be a man of exceptional character, and is in every way worthy of the position that is so readily accorded him in his native city and county.

Harmon Montgomery Purviance was born in Huntington, March 30, 1857, and is the second son of Samuel Hilory and Mary E. (Montgomery) Purviance, both of whom were among the earliest settlers of Huntington. His father was long a leading citizen, and for years actively and prominently identified with the banking interests of the city. He was one of the chief organizers of the Purviance Banking Company, which in later years became known as H. Purviance & Company, and still later was chartered and re-organized as the First National Bank of Huntington. In 1863 Samuel H. Purviance became president of the bank, a position he continued to hold until his death on April 20, 1873. He was one of the strong men financially and civically in his community during his generation, and in all things was reckoned as a successful and progressive man.

Harmon M. Purviance gained his early education in the public schools of Huntington. On finishing the local high school course he attended Franklin College at Franklin, Indiana, finishing his studies there in 1876. After that he became identified with various business interests in and about Huntington county, and at Huntington and Mitchell was engaged actively in the lime business. On January 13, 1902, Mr. Purviance disposed of his lime business and bought the furniture and undertaking establishment of the A. Q. Kenower estate in Huntington. His store is located at 446 North Jefferson Street, and carries a fine line of furniture together with a thoroughly modern mortuary and a full line of supplies for the undertaking business. At the present writing Mr. Purviance is remodeling his establishment and the improvements classify it as one of the finest of its kind in northern Indiana. The basement of the building occupied will contain the morgue, while other departments will occupy the upper floors. Mr. Purviance is himself a licensed embalmer, having gone into the business with a determination characteristic of his every enterprise, and he has equipped himself in the most thorough manner for the important service he renders the people of Huntington county. His special training in embalming he acquired in the Renouard Training School of New York City, and his work demonstrates his capability as a practical and skillful embalmer.

In addition to his various business interests Mr. Purviance has found time to devote himself to politics and has been an active republican for a number of years. A special paragraph should be devoted to his work as senator, an office to which he was elected in 1902 from Huntington and Whitley counties. The first point to be noted is that he was the first republican elected to the Senate from that district in twenty years. While in the upper house at Indianapolis he was assigned to membership with a number of important committees, and in various ways showed his fidelity and his capacity as a legislator. In 1903 he was appointed by Governor Durbin a member of the commission to investigate the care given to epileptics in other states. This commission prepared a report submitted during the session of 1905, recommending the establishment of a special institution for epileptics in Indiana. In line with that report

JOHN FRASH

Mr. Purviance introduced the bill during the session of 1905 asking for a specified sum of money to purchase land for an epileptic village. This bill was passed and Governor Hanly appointed a commission, and they purchased 1,240 acres northeast of Newcastle. Since then the Legislature has appropriated specific sums for the erection of buildings, which are constructed on the cottage plan. During the same session Mr. Purviance was active in securing funds for the care of the state insane. He was instrumental in getting the bill through which resulted in the erection of the settlement of cottages for the insane at Madison, Indiana. At the completion of the entire group, one and one-half million dollars had been expended for grounds and construction work, and the creditable phase of this was that the entire outlay had been accomplished without increasing the tax levy. These references are briefly cited out of many evidences of Mr. Purviance's aggressive and disinterested work as a public official.

Though always a busy man he has found leisure to identify himself with various fraternal orders, among them the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Lafontaine Lodge, with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. On October 20, 1892, Mr. Purviance married Miss Belle Brown, daughter of Captain Ashley and Emily (Brice) Brown, both of Dayton, Ohio. To them has been born one son, H. Montgomery Purviance, now a student in the Huntington High School.

John Frash. The distinction of being the oldest living merchant in Huntington county is now possessed by Mr. John Frash, who though no longer actively identified with detailed management of his business, still retains full financial control of the large store operated under that name at Huntington. Mr. Frash has been a Huntington business man for over thirty years, and was for a number of years previously in business at Warren.

John Frash was born in the city of Zanesville, Ohio, November 28, 1836, and is now approaching the venerable age of four-score years. His parents were William and Eve (Klein) Frash. William Frash was one of the pioneers of Zanesville, Ohio, was a native of Germany, where he learned the trade of watch and clock making, and on immigrating to the United States came direct from New York City to Zanesville, where for some time he followed his trade. From Zanesville he moved his family out to Marion, Indiana. That was in the early days, and the country was new, and environment was malarial, and on account of the sickness of his wife William Frash soon returned to Ohio. On recovering his health he returned to Indiana, and settled at Hartford City, in Blackford county. There his enterprise was directed to the management of a small store, and with the increase of population his business expanded until he became one of the leading merchants. His death occurred in Hartford City in 1879, where his wife had passed away some years previously.

John Frash grew up in Hartford City, where his education was acquired in the village schools. Since boyhood he has been familiar with

the details of merchandising, having entered his father's establishment at an early age, and working under his father's direction until he was grown. After his marriage he formed a partnership with his brother George under the name of George Frash and Brother, and together they conducted a flourishing enterprise for ten years. Finally selling out his interests in Hartford City, John Frash moved to Warren in Huntington county, and established a store in that village. His career as a merchant at Warren lasted for six and a half years. In the meantime his son Wilfred had located and engaged in business at Huntington, and his promising career had met with no discouragement until the development of lung trouble, when it became necessary for him to leave his business and spend some months in Colorado. With health apparently restored, he returned to Indiana, but the progress of disease was not to be arrested, and he went out to California, where in spite of all care and the liberal use of means, he died at Pasadena. After the failure of his son's health John sold out his Warren interests and took charge of the store at Huntington. The Frash store at Huntington comprises a large stock of dry goods and ladies' wear, and has been steadily prosperous and popular with the general trade for thirty years. Its active management is now in the hands of two sons, George and Eugene Frash.

Mr. John Frash is a stanch republican, a "stand patter," but has never shown any interest or desire in practical politics. For one term he was a member of the city council, and also served on the library board. Fraternally his relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows have been continuous for a period of forty years. As a result of his long activity as a merchant he is the owner of valuable real estate. His own home is at 959 N. Guilford street.

In 1857, at the age of twenty-one and about the time he started his career as a rising young merchant of Hartford City, John Frash married Miss Esther S. Stahl. Their companionship was one of unusual duration, and happiness, and was unbroken and unmarred until the death of Mrs. Frash on February 11, 1910. They had lived together as man and wife for a period of more than fifty-two years, and the influence of the sweet and noble character of Mrs. Frash extended much beyond the limits of her home circle, so that the entire community mourned her loss. Esther S. Stahl was born in Pennsylvania, and was seventy-four years of age at the time of her death. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abram Stahl, also natives of the same state, came to Indiana, when their daughter Esther was a girl, settling near Hartford City. Her father was a blacksmith, a trade he followed for many years, and took a prominent part in the affairs of Blackford county, serving as sheriff and later as treasurer and auditor. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John Frash were born three sons: Wilfred, whose death has already been mentioned; and George and Eugene, now active managers of their father's business. Mrs. Frash was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, very active in church affairs, especially in the Ladies' Aid Society, and as a wife and mother she wielded an influence for good that made her character known and appreciated in all the better circles of Huntington society.

Mr. Frash's only hobby is fishing and at this sport he is an expert.

CHARLES ARNOLD. One of the old and reliable business houses of Huntington, Indiana, which has grown in size and public confidence with the growth of the city, has shared in its prosperity and has aided in the development of this progress, is that of H. H. Arnold & Son, dealers in dry goods, carpets, ladies' ready-made garments, etc. For more than thirty-three years this enterprise has catered to the trade of the people of Huntington, the house has come down from the management of the father to that of the son and changes have been made in business methods and ideals, yet through all the vicissitudes of commerce and trade and the varying fortunes of other ventures, this concern has maintained its same rigid policy of giving the people a fair deal and honest goods, and has retained its reputation for its connection only with legitimate transactions. The present head of this house, Charles Arnold, is known as a business man of excellent ability, who has spent his entire life in the line in which he is now engaged and is intimate with its every particular. He was born at South Whitley, Whitley county, Indiana, December 12, 1866, and is a son of Henry H. and Anna C. (Cleveland) Arnold.

Henry H. Arnold was born at Greenville, Darke county, Ohio, and there received a public school education and passed his youth. He early chose mercantile lines as his field of endeavor, and shortly after attaining his majority moved to South Whitley, Indiana, where he received his introduction to business life as the proprietor of a small but well-managed general store. By the year 1880 he felt ready to enlarge the scope of his operations, and accordingly came to Huntington, where he established what was the nucleus for the present business. He built up a large and prosperous trade, became known as one of the leading merchants of his day and locality, and gained the respect and esteem of his associates for his strict integrity and his many sterling qualities of mind and heart. When he died, in 1893, Huntington lost one of its most representative men. Mr. Arnold married Miss Anna C. Cleveland, daughter of Thomas and Phoebe Cleveland, old and honored residents of Whitley county, Mrs. Arnold, a lady of culture and refinement, still survives the father and makes her home in Huntington, where she is widely known for her many acts of charity. She is also an excellent business woman, and still retains her interest in the firm of H. H. Arnold & Son.

Charles Arnold acquired his education in the public and high schools of Huntington, following which he took a commercial course at Eastman's Commercial College, Poughkeepsie, New York, on the Hudson River. This prepared for his entrance into business life, and upon his return home he became connected with the dry goods house of his father in the capacity of clerk. When he had acquired a thorough knowledge of all departments of the business, his father admitted him to partnership, and thus was founded the firm of H. H. Arnold & Son. When his father died, Charles succeeded him as head of the business, but the firm name, known to the people of Huntington for so many years as a synonym for honest and straightforward dealing, has remained unchanged. The son

has inherited many of the admirable characteristics of the older man, and his management of the business has been beneficial to it in the same way. At present they are enlarging their business, increasing their selling space 44x110 feet, three stories, which will connect with their present store and give them one of the largest stores in northern Indiana. Modern methods and appliances have been brought into use, and modern stock installed, but the time-honored and practical policies have remained, and the people of Huntington have shown their appreciation of them by bringing their trade to this establishment.

In addition to his business prominence, Mr. Arnold is widely known in social and fraternal circles, belonging to the Knights of Pythias and the Elks, as well as to the Huntington Commercial Club. During Governor Durbin's first term, Mr. Arnold served as a member of his staff.

Moritz Eberhart. Of the many lives which entered into the pioneer history and early development of Huntington county, one of the most honorable and most useful was that of the late Moritz Eberhart, who spent many years on a farm in Warren township, where he died July 3, 1901.

Moritz Eberhart came from staunch German stock, and was himself born at Haigerloch, Hohenzollern, Wuertemberg, Germany, September 22, 1824. He was the oldest in a family of five children whose parents were Michael and Barbara (Henger) Eberhart. The two brothers were Damascus and Linus, and the two sisters were Christina Rigger and Mary Hauenstine. Moritz Eberhart was the last survivor of the family, with the exception of Mrs. Rigger.

His early life was spent in Germany, where he attained a good education, and served an apprenticeship to the weaver's trade. He was still young when the family left Germany and came to America. After landing in New York City, the father died of cholera. The mother with her sons Moritz and Damascus and the two daughters continued the journey westward as far as Tuscarawas county, Ohio, and a short time later moved to Indiana, locating in Section 17, Chester township, in Wabash county. Moritz Eberhart lived there a number of years, prospered as a farmer and in 1860 moved to Huntington county, and bought a farm two miles east of Bippus. The land when he took possession was a dense forest, and he labored many years to clear off the woods and long before his death had made it a valuable and productive homestead.

The late Moritz Eberhart during the Civil war spent six weeks in camp at Indianapolis, but was finally rejected for service because of defective hearing from which he had suffered from young manhood. In addition to his farm work, he and his brother Linus for a number of years were extensive dealers in timber, and also conducted the manufacture of staves, most of their product going over the canal route to Toledo. His name also deserves mention in connection with the founding and growth of the village of Bippus. After the survey of the route of the Erie Railroad, he built the first business structure on the

site. In politics Moritz Eberhart was more or less independent in voting. He was the last survivor of the eleven charter members of the St. John's German Evangelical Church, now located at Bippus, and enjoyed the distinction of aiding in the building of three church homes during his membership. He was a profound student of the bible, and in character was a man of quiet disposition, always earnest and honorable, and his business efficiency was that of a leader among men. On January 27, 1858, at the home of her father, John M. Brodbeck, in Warren county, where Bracken (formerly Clayville) is now situated, Moritz Eberhart was united in marriage with Catherine Brodbeck, and her home is now in Bippus. To this union ten children were born: Michael, Jr., and a daughter died in infancy. The living are: Caroline, now Mrs. John F. Young; Minnie Barbara, now Mrs. Alvin I. Ream; Hannah C., now Mrs. Thomas Hopwood; Emma R., now Mrs. George Harter; Ella S., now Mrs. William H. Tillman; Ina R., now Mrs. Charles E. Miller; George M. Eberhart, a prominent Huntington attorney; and Addie I., now Mrs. Howard F. Miller.

Patrick M. McCarty. The career of Patrick M. McCarty, of Huntington, has been marked by constant advancement from earliest boyhood, his energetic and ambitious nature carrying him upward from comparatively humble circumstances and obscurity to the head of a responsible business and recognition among the leading politicians of his city. He was associated with the Huntington Publishing Company, and holds a firmly established position in business circles. His service in public offices of responsibility and trust have gained him the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens in such a degree that in the fall of 1913 he was nominated as the democratic standard-bearer for the office of mayor of Huntington. Mr. McCarty is a native son of this city, having been born in his present home on Jefferson street, July 22, 1862, and is a son of John and Ellen (Brauders) McCarty, natives of County Wexford, Ireland. In May, 1850, the parents emigrated to the United States, landing in New York City, and came thence direct to Huntington, Indiana, where both passed away. The father was a contractor and builder of public works, which he followed during active years of his life, his death occurring in 1891, while the mother died in February, 1896.

Patrick McCarty received his education in the Old Rock schoolhouse and St. Peters parochial school, presided over by the Sisters from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On completing his studies, he associated himself with his father in business in the City of Huntington, thus becoming familiar with contracting on public works, but in 1880 again took up his studies in St. John's College, Lafayette, Indiana, where he was graduated October 24, 1881. At that time he began to learn the trade of horseshoer, and for three years was employed by H. Zell, becoming eventually one of the best workmen in his line, and an expert in all pertaining thereto. On January 1, 1885, he formed a partnership with Mr. Zell under the firm style of Zell & McCarty, in horseshoeing and general

blacksmithing, the old place of business near the old Court House being largely patronized. Mr. McCarty went to Omaha, Nebraska, in 1890, and subsequently moved on to Denver, Colorado, and Colorado Springs, but in 1892 returned to Huntington and formed a partnership with Ed Beaver, under the firm name of McCarty & Beaver, horseshoers, an association which continued until 1898, in which year Mr. McCarty entered actively into political affairs as a democrat. He was elected city marshal, a position in which he served until 1902, at which time he was nominated by the democrats as their candidate for sheriff, and was elected in the fall, serving in this capacity for two years. At the expiration of his term he entered the employ of the Erie Railroad Company, as captain of the Erie police, and had charge of the division from Marion, Ohio, to Chicago, Illinois. Mr. McCarty continued to act in this capacity for four years, and in 1908 was again nominated and elected sheriff of Huntington county, continuing to serve four years in all. He entered the employ of the Huntington Publishing Company as bookkeeper on June 11, 1913, and continued in this capacity until December 1, 1913. Mr. McCarty is widely known among politicians of Huntington county. He is mild and affable in manner, yet behind this exterior there is a courage and doggedness that made him one of the best sheriffs the county has ever had. He is known as a "good mixer" and it matters little what a man's station in life may be, he can always be sure of a "square deal" at his hands. On September 23, 1913, Mr. McCarty was made the nominee of his party for the office of mayor, in which office he will probably continue his excellent record as a public servant.

On June 26, 1894, Mr. McCarty was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Gorman, of Logansport, Indiana, a daughter of Patrick and Margaret Gorman. Three children have been born to this union: Edwin P., Helen M. and Marie J. Edwin P. is now connected with the United Telephone Company. Mr. McCarty is a popular member of the Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge No. 805, and the Catholic Benevolent Legion. His pleasant modern residence, is situated at No. 1332 North Jefferson street.

Bert J. Bartlett. One of Huntington's active and progressive business men is Bert J. Bartlett, proprietor of the Bartlett Trucking Company, since its organization in the early nineties. He has been variously identified with a number of business enterprises in Huntington in the last twenty years, but his principal success has come to him through the channels of his present business, which has in recent years reached generous proportions, making necessary the employment of a good many men and teams. Other activities, it is true, claim a share of his time and attention, but the Bartlett Trucking Company is his principal business interest.

Mr. Bartlett was born in Claremont, New Hampshire, in June, 1869, and is a son of William P. Bartlett, a prosperous farmer of New Hampshire, the state of his birth, and where he died in August, 1913.

His wife and the mother of Bert J. Bartlett of this review, was Martha Ladona S. (Flower) Bartlett, also a native of New Hampshire and now deceased.

As boy and youth in the New Hampshire home of his parents, Bert Bartlett attended the public schools, and gained such education as they were fitted to afford in those early days of American education. He remained on the farm until he was twenty, then came west, as Indiana is reckoned in New Hampshire, and settled in Columbia City. There he became interested in the lumber business, remaining at that point for six years, at which time he disposed of his lumber interests and came to Huntington. In this city he formed a business association with a Mr. Perine, and engaged again in the lumber business under the firm name of Perine & Bartlett, and at the end of another six years of lumbering activity, sold out and engaged in the trucking and transfer business. At the same time he began to operate more or less in coal, and a little later entered the storage field, erecting a cement block building with a forty by two hundred foot front, the building being calculated for the storage of all materials requiring a chilled temperature. The transfer and trucking business, however, is the branch of his enterprise to which he has given the closest attention, and he has in that line built up an extensive business, having in his employ a large number of men and teams.

In addition to the interests already named Mr. Bartlett is one of the directors of the Factory Fund Association, organized on February 22, 1907, at a special meeting called for the purpose of interesting a number of the leading citizens of the city, and the purpose of the organization being the raising of a fund to bring to the City of Huntington new manufacturing enterprises. The capital stock of the Association was placed at $50,000, all of which was subscribed by leading citizens. This Association has been the direct means of securing and locating a number of industries of no slight importance, reference to which will be found elsewhere in this work, under the heading "Huntington's Industries." At a special meeting of the Association Mr. Bartlett was chosen president, with C. B. Williams as vice-president, O. W. Whitelock, secretary and Julius Dick as treasurer. The organization has for its support a goodly number of the leading business men of Huntington, and it is not too much to say that it has been the direct cause of the influx of a considerable capital and a number of desirable men who came in the wake of the new enterprises. Mr. Bartlett has shown himself in this work especially to be a man of progress and one who looks beyond the present day and its needs in the administration of any business enterprise. His civic attitude has throughout been most admirable, and places him among the real men of the community.

In 1896 Mr. Bartlett was united in marriage with Miss Frances F. Severance, a daughter of Dr. LaGrange and Henrietta (Drummond) Severance. Two children have been born to them,—Fred L. and Helen E. Bartlett, both of whom are in school.

Oscar E. Bradley. Hand in hand, in public usefulness, is the druggist associated with the physician and this mutual dependence is universally acknowledged as a condition of public safety. Healing remedies are older than doctors, and as far back as one may delve in ancient lore he may find mention of medicaments for some of the ills that seem to have always afflicted the human race. At times, the discovery of a new drug has wrought wonderful changes and has been even a factor in advancing civilization. Out of the hands of the ignorant and the superstitious, the lawful administration of drugs has long since passed, and the term druggist or pharmacist now means one who has thoroughly satisfied the authorities that he is properly equipped and learned to practice his calling. Into his hands are practically placed life and death, for it is his knowledge of drugs and their effects that must guide him in the handling of the most careful of physicians' prescriptions, for his accuracy of measurement may change a tonic into a death draught. Thus it is no unimportant position that a druggist holds in a community and his personal standing is usually of the highest. In this connection a case in point is found in Oscar E. Bradley, junior member of the drug firm of Bradley Brothers, one of the largest concerns of its line in the Hoosier state, with main store at Huntington, and branches at Marion and Fort Wayne. Mr. Bradley is one of the leading business men of his adopted city, Huntington, and a review of the salient points of his career shows that his business life has been one of steady advancement from early manhood.

Oscar E. Bradley was born in Miami county, Indiana, June 2, 1865, the second son of John and Margaret (Sharp) Bradley. His father, born near Lancaster, Fairfield county, Ohio, was a manufacturer and dealer in hardwood lumber and also dealt extensively in timberlands. In 1867 the family moved from Ohio to Waupecong, Miami county, Indiana, and there the father engaged in farming for a time and also operated a sawmill in the manufacture of hardwood lumber. This latter industry he continued to operate long years after he had given up agricultural pursuits, and subsequently became also the proprietor of a general store. By reason of his strict integrity, honorable dealing and well-directed efforts, he became one of the substantial men of his locality, and at the time of his death, in 1880, left a wide circle of friends to mourn his loss. The mother had passed away some years before.

Oscar E. Bradley received his early education in the public schools of Miami county, and later he studied for a short time in a select school, but finally laid aside his books to join his father in the sawmill. He was but sixteen years of age when his father died, and he was left in charge of the mill, which he continued to operate for several years. Upon settling up the business, he went to Peru, Indiana, and worked in a basket factory as a shipping clerk, and while residing there, in his twenty-first year, was married to Miss Nettie Jones, of Amboy, Indiana, daughter of John Jones, an active business men of that locality. After his marriage, Mr. Bradley remained in Peru for only one year and then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and secured employment with C. Crane & Company, manu-

facturers of and dealers in lumber, but in 1893 returned to Indiana. At that time he formed a partnership with his elder brother, Charles E. Bradley, and under the firm style of Bradley Brothers engaged in the drug business at Wabash. There the firm continued until 1897, when it made its advent in Huntington, this city having since continued as headquarters. The business proved a success from the start, and in 1899 a branch business was established at Marion, which is still conducted under a manager, and in 1908 a branch was located at Fort Wayne and placed under the management of Mr. Bradley's son, John Hale Bradley. Oscar E. Bradley spends the greater part of his time at the Huntington store, but has various outside interests, being a stockholder in the First National Bank of Huntington, the Majestic Furnace and Foundry Company of this city, and the Auto Transit Company, also of Huntington. He is widely known in business circles and has the utmost confidence of his associates, who look to him for leadership, counsel and advice in all matters of importance. He is prominent in Masonry, belonging to Amity Lodge No. 483, F. & A. M., Huntington Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M.; and also holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, all of Huntington. In his political affiliation Mr. Bradley gives his stalwart support to democratic measures and candidates, although he has not cared for the activities of public life for himself. His residence is located at No. 508 West State street.

Charles H. Kiracofe. Though no longer a resident of Huntington county, the career of Charles H. Kiracofe has a pertinent place in this work for his connection with the educational interests of the county, due especially to his efforts in the establishment and conduct of Central College, located at College Park, north of Huntington. For upwards of forty years he was active in educational and religious affairs, and is still keenly interested in educational matters, though living retired, and having his home at Winona Lake.

Charles H. Kiracofe is a native of the mountainous district fourteen miles north of Staunton, Augusta county, Virginia. His parents were John and Margaret (Showalter) Kiracofe, descendants of Hessian parentage, which was established in America during the Revolutionary times, and after the close of the war located in Virginia. Charles H. Kiracofe had seven brothers and one sister. His early life was spent on a farm, and such schooling as was afforded him made him eager for further learning. During the early part of the Civil war he lived within the Confederate lines, and one year was spent in chopping wood for a Confederate iron works. His drafting for service in the Confederate army was only a question of a few months and to escape such service he and an older brother were among a large party of Virginians, who made their way through the mountains in 1863 to the north. The story of their adventuresome journey made mostly during the night time in order to escape capture by southern soldiers, was told by Mr. Kiracofe in a paper read several years ago before the Cosmopolitan Club of Huntington.

After reaching the homes of some relatives near Lima, Ohio, and after recovering not only from the hardships of travel, but also from the ravages of typhoid fever, which he had contracted at Parkersburg, West Virginia, as a result of exposure, Mr. Kiracofe worked on a farm, and by attending school during the winter prepared himself for teaching. His wages as teacher of a district school afforded him the means by which, with the closest economy and by work out of school hours, he was enabled to complete his studies and gain the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio, in 1871. During his college career he became acquainted with Miss Anvilla Rundles. Miss Rundles was a member of a class one year ahead of Mr. Kiracofe, and after graduating spent a year as principal of the high school at Warsaw, Indiana. As soon as he was graduated Mr. Kiracofe and Miss Rundles were married. She was a daughter of a well-known family living near Huntertown, in Allen county, Indiana. After their marriage they both taught school for one year at Edgerton, Ohio. The following year Mr. Kiracofe, who had also been granted a license as a minister for the United Brethren in Christ, was in charge of a circuit near Waterloo, Indiana. While during his active career he did much work in the active ministry, his heart always lay in the educational side of church affairs, and it is as an educator that his career has been most fruitful.

In 1873 Mr. Kiracofe became professor of languages at Westfield College at Westfield, Illinois. His home and work continued at Westfield until 1879, when he accepted a call to the presidency of Hartsville College in Bartholomew county, Indiana. Hartsville College retained him as its head until 1889. During that time he supervised the work of instruction and also spent much time in the field soliciting funds and working otherwise in behalf of the church's educational interests. These years were probably the most trying of his life, the institution being a struggling one, which, however, turned out men who are found in positions of responsibility in many places.

In 1889 Rev. Kiracofe moved to Dayton, Ohio, where he became secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Brethren church. The next four years he was editor of the *Christian Conservator,* the organ of the radical branch of the church which had divided in 1889. Once more the educational work made its appeal to him, and in 1897 he was named to take charge of the movement to locate a college in Huntington, Indiana. This new institution was designed to be a successor to Hartsville College, with a site much more accessible than the old school in Bartholomew county had been. Under his direction and personal work plans for the new institution were matured, and his personal efforts brought about the sale of the required number of lots to close the deal with the land company, from which had come a proposition for the location of the institution on a beautiful tract north of Huntington. Central College was dedicated with proper ceremony in September, 1897. Quickly there sprung up a small town about the college campus, and it prospered in population and improvement from year to year. Many people came here from different places to identify themselves with

the college community as permanent residents, or while educating their younger children. Rev. Kiracofe's work as president continued until June, 1903, and at the same time he had entered actively into the work of instruction, having charge of several classes. On retiring from the presidency, Rev. Kiracofe was succeeded by James H. McMurray. The next few months were spent in editorial duties with the *Christian Conservator,* the church publishing house having in the meantime been moved from Dayton to Huntington soon after the establishment of Central College. After a year of rest, feeling that he was too young to retire, and being always a believer in the saying that it is "better to wear out than to rust out," Rev. Kiracofe accepted a pastorate in the Presbyterian church near New Albany, Indiana. During the previous year he had exchanged his membership from the United Brethren to the Presbyterian faith. Since that time he has filled pastorates at Walkerton, Indiana, and in churches near Logansport and Wabash, at the same time having his permanent residence at Winona Lake.

In politics Mr. Kiracofe was a republican for a number of years, later associating himself with the prohibition party, on whose ticket he was at one time candidate for state superintendent of public instruction during the eighties. More recently he has been independent in his political affiliations. Despite his years and retirement from active work, he still retains a keen interest in matters of education.

Rev. and Mrs. Kiracofe were the parents of five sons, two of whom are now living, C. Horace and Alvin R., both residents of Huntington.

C. Horace Kiracofe. Now engaged in the insurance business at Huntington as a member of the firm of Schwartz & Kiracofe, Mr. Horace Kiracofe is most generally known throughout Huntington county on account of his long experience in the Huntington newspaper field. As a publisher and editor he made a record for the energetic handling of what is regarded as one of the most difficult undertakings in business, and in many ways has proved his efficient and public spirited citizenship in behalf of a better and greater city of Huntington.

C. Horace Kiracofe, the older son of Charles H. and Anvilla (Rundles) Kiracofe, the former a well known educator and founder of Central College at Huntington, was born July 25, 1876, at Westfield, Clark county, Illinois. Three years after his birth his parents moved by the overland route to Hartsville in Bartholomew county, Indiana, where his father became president of Hartsville College. Educated by his mother until ten years of age, he entered the Hartsville College and continued preparatory and college studies until the removal of the family to Dayton, Ohio, in 1889. There he became a student in the old Central high school, being graduated in June, 1893. After another year spent at Hartsville College he entered Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, where he was given the degree of Bachelor of Arts in June, 1898.

Though his plan had been to prepare himself as a teacher of languages, his purposes were changed in the junior year at Oberlin and his talents and energies directed to newspaper work. His first regular

experience in practical journalism was as a proofreader on the *Illinois State Journal* at Springfield, Illinois, where he lived several months. In July, 1899, Mr. Kiracofe became city editor of the Huntington *News-Democrat,* the Kiracofe family having located at Huntington in July, 1897. In November, 1905, Mr. Kiracofe bought stock in the Huntington *Herald,* and he took the chair of city editor for that publication. In 1910 he became manager of the *Herald,* and in 1911, combined the duties of both manager and editor. That was his work until his financial and business connection with the company terminated in September, 1911, and in the following December he retired from all relations with the *Herald.* Since January 1, 1912, Mr. Kiracofe has been associated with William Schwartz in the insurance business, and they represent the general field of fire and life insurance.

On October 14, 1903, Mr. Kiracofe married Miss Matilda J. Kuhlman, whose father, Frederick Kuhlman, was one of the pioneer plasterers of Huntington county. A son, Melville Kuhlman Kiracofe, was born to their marriage May 24, 1908.

Mr. Kiracofe has never been prominent in politics, though during his newspaper career every matter of public interest received his attention, and through his paper he did much to advance the improvement of the city. He had charge of the contest in which "Huntington—Opportunity's Gateway," was chosen as the slogan for Huntington. In church affairs he is identified with the Presbyterian denomination, having held the places of elder and Sunday school superintendent in the local congregation since 1908. His home property at Oak and Tipton Streets in Huntington has been regarded as one of the neat places of moderate cost in the city.

Charles L. Buchanan. All his life a resident of Huntington, Indiana, Charles L. Buchanan enjoys an enviable position in the citizenship of his native town and county, and as a business man of no small merit he ranks among the foremost. He has long been connected with the enterprise that now holds his attention, or perhaps it might be better to say that he has been identified with his present enterprise since he finished his public school course and entered the business with his father. Following his father's demise in 1907, young Buchanan assumed charge of the plumbing and heating business that had so long been conducted in Huntington by the Buchanans, and he has since continued with the business.

Charles Buchanan was born in Huntington on July 11, 1885, and he is the eldest son of Samuel and Catherine (Ryan) Buchanan. Samuel Buchanan was a native of Perry county, Ohio, born there on March 12, 1833, and he was the sixth son in a family of eight children born to John and Mary A. (Dempsey) Buchanan, natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland, respectively. When he was but a child of three years the parents of Samuel Buchanan came to Indiana and located in a little hamlet which has since developed into the city of Huntington. Here Samuel Buchanan was reared to manhood, and here he passed his long and useful life.

Conditions in the community at that time did not conduce to overmuch learning, and Samuel Buchanan was blessed with a very meagre education as a result. But he was a studious boy, fond of books, and such as came to his hand were devoured with the avidity that is characteristic of the natural book-lover. It was thus that he gained the smattering of learning that aided him in business life.

He was fifteen years old when in the autumn of 1848 he began to learn the trade of a printer under Colonel Milligan, then editor and publisher of the *Democratic Age,* and when he had completed his apprenticeship he devoted himself for about five years to the trade of a journeyman printer. In later years, when the field for heating and plumbing opened up, Mr. Buchanan diverted his attention from the printing business to the newer enterprise, and he was long a successful operator in the business, continuing therein until death claimed him on March 23, 1907.

Mr. Buchanan was married in 1884 to Catherine Ryan, daughter of Thomas Ryan, well known among the early pioneers of Huntington county, and a man who stood well in the esteem of all who knew him. Mrs. Buchanan still survives her husband and is a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Charles L. Buchanan as a boy attended a parochial school in Huntington and later was graduated from the Huntington High School. Immediately upon his leaving school he entered the business with his father, and thereafter applied himself with all diligence to the work of mastering the heating and plumbing businesss in all its details. He proved himself quite as capable as his father, and in a few years was equal to taking control of the entire business, though this did not become necessary until the death of the father and founder of the business in 1907. Mr. Buchanan has since then been in entire charge of the business, and he carries on a lively business, employing from ten to twelve persons in the operation thereof. The firm specializes in steam and hot water heating, and enjoys an excellent business in the city, in neighboring towns and also in the country districts where modern residences are being erected by many of the prosperous and progressive farmers of the county.

In keeping with the common practice among practical plumbers, Mr. Buchanan carries a full line of hardware peculiar to the demands of the heating and plumbing trade, and his stock is one of the most comprehensive and modern to be found in the county.

Mr. Buchanan is a member of the Knights of Columbus, No. 1014; B. P. O. E., No. 805, and the National Union. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic church.

Jacob Gill. One of the modern and progressive agriculturists of Huntington township is Jacob Gill, whose home has been in this county for upwards of half a century, and who has always had an honorable identification with the community, while his activities as a business man and farmer have brought him the substantial rewards of well conducted

Indiana farm life. Mr. Gill now owns the old homestead, comprising eighty-two acres, and has a very fine fruit orchard of two acres, while the rest of his place is devoted to general farming and stock raising. Mr. Gill had some years ago built a modern brick home, and everything about the place shows the progressive and capable agriculturist.

Jacob Gill was born in Bavaria, Germany, February 21, 1856, a son of Frederick and Louisa (Holzinger) Gill. Both parents were also Bavarians by birth, and they grew up and were married there, and after their children were born and partly reared, they emigrated to the United States and found a home in Huntington township, April 28, 1865, the father buying the estate which is now owned by his son Jacob. There Frederick Gill answered the last summons on February 21, 1908, when he had reached a venerable age, and his passing was an occasion of sincere sorrow throughout the community. There were nine children altogether, and the following are living in Huntington township; Jacob, John, Fred, Elizabeth and Katherine. John Gill is a successful truck farmer.

Jacob Gill was nine years of age when the family came to the United States, had previously attended the schools of Germany, and was educated for several years in the public schools and the parochial schools at Huntington. Mr. Gill has never married, and is an active member of the St. Peter and St. Paul Catholic Church of Huntington, while in politics he votes the democratic ticket, and has always been ready to respond to the calls upon good citizenship in his community.

When the parents of Mr. Gill emigrated to America, they had small cash capital to locate in a strange country, and among a strange people, but by thrift and economy, they made good—and the representative of the family, Mr. Jacob Gill, has added luster to the name as well as success. He holds high prestige as an honorable and upright citizen of Huntington county.

In the spring of 1913, he began the erection of one of the most beautiful and modern brick residences in the township, finished in hardwood and handsomely furnished, and lighted by electricity. This beautiful home is presided over by Mr. Gill's sister, Elizabeth, who is a model housekeeper and a devout member of the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic church of Huntington, Indiana. Mr. Gill is truly an agent and has never allowed any other business to interfere, which has proven a success. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Both of his parents are deceased. The name Gill is of German origin and was spelled Güll in German—but in English it is Gill.

Paul J. Buchanan. One of the large local industries that give character and prosperity to Huntington is the Sanitary Plumbing and Heating Company, a business that employs a large number of skilled workers, puts in circulation a great deal of capital, and is a large contributor to the aggregate business of the city. The manager of this plant is Paul J. Buchanan, a young man in years, but who has satisfied all the rigid requirements of

business success and has the complete confidence of his superiors and associates in business.

Paul J. Buchanan was born in the city of Huntington February 21, 1889, being the second son of Samuel and Catharine (Ryan) Buchanan. His father, Samuel Buchanan, had long been one of the prominent residents of Huntington county, which he served as clerk and was active both in business and in public affairs. He was born in Perry, Ohio, March 12, 1833, being sixth in order of birth in a family of eight children born to John and Mary A. (Dempsey) Buchanan, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Maryland. When Samuel Buchanan was three years old his parents came to Indiana, and located in the little village that has since developed, during a period of eighty years, into the city of Huntington. Samuel Buchanan grew up on the streets of the then village, and played in fields which have since been covered over with factories and residences. His advantages in the way of schooling were limited by the character of the schools then in existence, and was always known as a man of practical and hard sense, and suffered little handicap from the lack of early opportunities. He received a fairly liberal education by serving an apprenticeship at the printer's trade. He began in the fall of 1848 with Colonel Milligan, who at that time was editor and publisher of the *Democratic Age*. Mr. Buchanan remained with Colonel Milligan about five years. In 1853 he entered the employ of D. L. Shearer, dealer in grain and dry goods, and that work occupied him until January 3, 1856. At that date he became agent for the W. St. L. & P. Railway of Huntington. The company later transferred him to a similar position at Fort Wayne, and in the fall of 1856 he was made freight conductor with the Wabash Company. Leaving railroading in the fall of 1858 he went out to Leavenworth, Kansas, which was then on the frontier, and sold goods in that town for a year or more. Returning to Huntington he began buying grain for George L. Little of Fort Wayne. In 1862 he began selling agricultural implements and in 1864 was again in the grain business associated with Fred Dick. The partners also conducted a grocery store, and in 1871 increased their business with a stock of hardware. The firm continued with considerable degree of prosperity until early in 1880, when the partnership was dissolved. Samuel Buchanan then continued the grain and agricultural implement business alone, until the fall of that year, when with his two sons he once more took up the grocery trade. In the spring of 1882 the grain business was entirely dropped, and the stock of agricultural implements was discontinued in the fall of 1882, and in the following spring they also retired from the grocery line. In the fall of 1882 Samuel Buchanan was elected clerk of Huntington county, and gave one term of proficient service in that capacity. His other public service was as a member of the city council, from September, 1870, to May, 1876, and he served as chief of the Huntington fire department from 1878 to 1882 and again beginning with the spring of 1886. Mr. Buchanan is a member of the Catholic church and of the democratic party.

On September 22, 1859, he married Mary J. Wiest, who died January

21, 1881. On May 21, 1883, he married Catharine Ryan. The nine children of the first marriage were: Joseph F., Jesse E., George W., Samuel B., William, Mary R., Anna, Thomas J., and Jonna E. The children of the second marriage were: Charles L. and Paul J.

Paul J. Buchanan received the rudiments of his education in St. Mary's parochial school, and was graduated in the eighth grade when he was fifteen years old. On leaving school he learned the plumbing business with his father, and later with C. E. First of Fort Wayne, with whom he remained eighteen months. Thus at an early age he had supplied himself with the knowledge and practical experience which have proved a solid foundation for a business career. On returning from Fort Wayne to Huntington he was employed in the electric light business and as a gas-fitter for two years. In 1913 he became manager of the Sanitary Plumbing & Heating Company. This is a large establishment, is incorporated, and all the stock is owned by local capital. He has supervision of all departments of manufacture, and a large number of men are employed. The business has a large local trade in the city of Huntington as well as in neighboring towns and the surrounding country.

Mr. Buchanan was married November 11, 1909, to Miss Mabel Sumner, a daughter of Calvin and Myrtle (Davis) Sumner. Her parents are old and respected citizens and farmers of Huntington county.

Frederick Samuel Cooper Grayston, M. D. It is doubtful if there is a vocation in life which offers opportunity for greater genuine service to mankind than that of doctor of medicine, and the physician who fully appreciates his responsibilities and responds conscientiously to every call made upon him is a public benefactor in the highest sense of the term. There can be no question as to the reward that will be his in the after life. Such a man was the late Frederick Samuel Cooper Grayston, one of the best known and most generally beloved medical practitioners whoever ministered to the ills of the people of Huntington county. Lofty ideals, purity of mind and unselfish devotion to his profession and to the welfare of others were manifested strikingly throughout the long period in which he practiced his calling in Huntington and the surrounding country, and in return he was esteemed and loved by those who came under his ministration.

Doctor Grayston was born at Woodbridge, Suffolk, England, April 6, 1823, at which place his father was a practicing attorney. His early education was secured in the schools of his native town and after his graduation from Seckford Academy he spent some time with his father. The legal profession, however, held no attractions for him, and evidencing a preference for medicine he was apprenticed to a pharmaceutist, with whom he studied chemistry, making such progress in this line that at the age of twenty-four years he became assistant to a medical practitioner at Tamworth, with whom he mastered the various branches of medicine. In 1849 he was married to Miss Isabella Custance, and in the following spring determined to emigrate to the United States, and accordingly took passage on a vessel starting for this country, but soon after the start of

the journey the ship was overtaken by a furious tempest on the Irish coast. A terrible night passed on the waves, but in the following morning the passengers were rescued and landed at a point in County Wexford. Doctor Grayston, when recuperated from the illness caused by exposure, returned to England by way of Dublin, adding to his knowledge of the beautiful and picturesque country by visits to various points of interest. In September, 1850, he again started for America, and this time was successful in reaching our shores. Receiving excellent reports as to the opportunities offered by the growing county of Huntington, in Indiana, he continued on his journey until he reached the village of Huntington on the 12th of October of the same year. Early in the following year, desiring to further his medical knowledge, he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, and became the pupil of L. M. Lawson, attending private classes in the hospital during the summer, and in October entered the Medical College of Ohio, there completing a full course of lectures. It may be well to note that the faculty of this school embraced some of the most distinguished members of the profession, among them Professors Mussy, John Lock and John Bell, names with which to conjure. With such excellent preparation, Doctor Grayston returned to Huntington in the spring of 1852, and this city continued to be his field of activity and the scene of his successes until his death. The Doctor was always an enthusiastic student of his profession. In 1860 he attended the Chicago Medical College and graduated therefrom, receiving a prize for the best essay on diphtheria, and in 1864 Rush Medical College conferred upon him the *ad eundem* degree. In 1866 he was appointed United States Examining Surgeon for Invalid Pensioners, a position which he efficiently filled up to the time of his death. He was an indefatigable worker in the medical societies of Huntington and adjoining counties and of the state, and was one of the most frequent, and accounted among the most able, contributors on subjects of special interest.

Mrs. Grayston, who survives the Doctor, makes her home in Huntington, where her son, Dr. Charles E. Grayston, is following in his father's footsteps and is one of the leading specialists of the city. A review of the younger man's life will be found on another page of this work.

Charles E. Grayston, M. D. The medical fraternity of Huntington county has been honored by the activities of several physicians by the name of Grayston, the immediate subject of this review being Charles E. Grayston, a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, at Huntington, where he has long been in the enjoyment of a representative practice. The son of a physician, he was early given the benefit of the excellent preceptorship of his father, subsequently prepared in recognized colleges of medicine, and since his graduation therefrom has continued to be a constant and earnest student. His standing in his profession is high, especially in his special field, and the confidence in which he is held by the general public is but an appreciation of the services he has rendered to his community. Doctor Grayston is a native son of Huntington, and was born November 17, 1857, a son of Dr. Frederick Samuel

Cooper and Isabella (Custance) Grayston. The father, who was a practicing physician for many years in Huntington county, was born at Woodbridge, Suffolk, England, April 6, 1823, and was the son of a practicing attorney of that place. A complete review of the father's life will be found on another page of this work.

Charles E. Grayston acquired his early educational training in the public and high schools of Huntington, and after leaving the latter institution in 1877 became a student in a select school, where he pursued his studies for two years. Following this he took up the study of medicine and entered the Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated with his degree in 1882. His first field of practice was in Huntington, Indiana, where he has still continued. Soon after coming here he took a special course in chemistry in the Polyclinic Institute, where he remained two years, then took another special course in the same institution, and completed his preparation by a special course in the diseases of the ear, eye, nose and throat in New York City. Returning to Huntington, he settled down to devote his entire attention to his special line of practice, and his undoubted ability and wide knowledge have enabled him to build up a large and lucrative professional business. Doctor Grayston is a member of the Huntington County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He also holds membership in the Knights of Pythias. A general favorite in social circles of the city, his pleasant home is a center of culture and refinement. This residence, on Tipton street, is one of the handsome ones of Huntington, a substantial brick with every possible convenience, an extensive lawn and attractive surroundings, and commanding a fine view.

In 1883 Doctor Grayston was married to Miss Jennie Davis, daughter of Jesse Davis, an old resident of Huntington county. Three children have been born to this union: Florence; Jesse, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and now serving as interne in the Cook County Hospital, Chicago; and Anna, a student in the Huntington High school. Dr. Grayston is a member of the Central Christian Church.

Ira Landis. Close application, diligent study of the trade and the public demands, unabating enterprise and strict integrity constitute the salient elements which have led Ira Landis forth from a comparatively humble financial position to the plane of affluence. His career is characteristic of the struggles that have marked the lives of many of our most prominent men, yet always he has been going forward and upward, and today, as the head of the large mercantile firm of Ira Landis & Sons, he is recognized as one of Huntington's leading business citizens.

Abraham G. Landis, the father of Ira Landis, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1836. In early youth he learned farming, a vocation which he followed for some years, but in later life turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and was so engaged at the time of his death, May 2, 1900. Abraham G. Landis was married to Miss Julia Ann Troxal, who was born in Pennsylvania, and accompanied her parents to Ohio in

girlhood, and she survived her husband some years, her death occurring in 1911. Ira Landis was born on his father's farm in Montgomery county, Ohio, April 6, 1857. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and proved himself an excellent farmer. In the meantime he was securing such educational advantages as were attainable in the district schools of his vicinity, and continued to study until he was twenty-two years of age. Mr. Landis then returned to farming, and the following six years found him busily engaged in raising crops and breeding cattle. It was not his intention, however, to devote his career to agricultural pursuits, for he had always cherished a belief that he could make a greater success in mercantile lines, and, finally, in 1893, he accepted a business opening and established himself as the proprietor of a meat market in Huntington for seventeen years. This business proved a success almost from the start, and vindicated Mr. Landis' belief in his abilities. It continued to develop and grow, and by 1905 Mr. Landis found it necessary to seek a larger field for his activities. Accordingly he came to Huntington and opened his present establishment on East Market street, near the Erie Railroad depot, where he has continued to deal in dry goods, groceries and produce. Mr. Landis is public-spirited in a marked degree, giving his co-operation and aid to many movements for the public good. His life illustrates very closely what may be accomplished by a strong will and a determination to succeed, for, starting out with no assistance of either a financial or educational nature, he has worked his way upward to a prominent position among the world's workers. He is always found on the side of progress, whether in business, community or social interests, and is accounted one of the leading and representative citizens of the city in which he makes his home.

In 1879 Mr. Landis married Miss Sarene Putterbaugh, of Darke county, Ohio, a daughter of George Putterbaugh, an old and respected citizen, formerly of Pennsylvania. Two children have been born to this union: George C., a graduate of the Huntington high school, and Boyd A., who is interested in the department store business as his father's partner. Mr. Landis is a popular member of the Odd Fellows, with which he has been connected for twenty years, and now holds membership in Lafontaine Lodge No. 42 of Huntington. He is a republican, but has never cared for public office, having been too busily engaged in his business ventures. His handsome residence is situated on Center street.

Michael J. Becker. The adroit manipulation of the chisel has at all times commanded a liberal share of the world's applause and admiration. It has preserved to us the beauty of antiquity, has marked the resting-place of our dearest and most beloved friends, and has made the home of their mortal remains a garden of art and loveliness; it has also contributed largely to the beauty of our cities, the adornment of our public parks and to the perpetuating of the memory of the great and the good. In this connection it is a pleasure to present a review of the life of one of the masters of his craft, Michael J. Becker, who as a born carver of stone has won his way to fame and recognition.

Mr. Becker was born in the city of Huntington, Indiana, November 29, 1859. He is the youngest son of Jacob Becker, one of the early residents of this city, a native of Prussia, who was born July 25, 1824, aud was the oldest of five children, four sons and one daughter, the mother being Mrs. Elizabeth (Loch) Becker, also a native of Prussia. At the age of twelve years Jacob Becker began to learn the trade of a stonecutter, and on completing his apprenticeship started to work as a journeyman, but left his trade when he joined the army, as is customary with the youths of his native land. Entering the Prussian military service, he remained therein for four and one-half years, and during this time, in February, 1850, was married to Miss Elizabeth Klein, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Stoll) Klein, natives of Prussia. In 1852 Jacob Becker, his wife and child, father and mother, three brothers and a sister, emigrated to America and reached New York on the 5th of April. From that city the little party removed to Williamsport, New York, and later to Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, and Huntington was reached December 11, 1852. The period from 1873 until 1877 was spent in Logansport, but in the latter year Mr. Becker returned to Huntington, and here continued to reside until the time of his death. He was an honest, industrious and thrifty workman, skilled in his trade and possessed of strict integrity. He won the friendship and esteem of his fellow men and at all times proved himself loyal to his adopted country and its interests. In political matters he was a stalwart democrat, while his religious connection was with the Catholic church. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Becker: Elizabeth, Jacob F., Nicholas, Peter, Michael J., and Margaret, of whom three are deceased.

Michael J. Becker was educated in the Catholic schools of Huntington, but at the age of thirteen years laid aside his books to take up the hammer and chisel in association with his father, who had entered the monument business. Thus he learned the business of a stone cutter and then a letterer, gradually acquiring a knowledge of every department of the business. At the age of nineteen he took over the management of the business, which he has since conducted with a full measure of success, and this is now one of the oldest concerns of its kind in Huntington county, as well as one of the most reliable. An artist of true genius, his love for the picturesque and beautiful asserts itself in every detail of his business, and the work that comes from his establishment has excited admiration all over Huntington and the surrounding country. The mechanical equipment of the monument works is driven by electricity, sufficient horse power thus being secured. An ever increasing volume of business testifies to the place Mr. Becker has made for himself in his special field of endeavor. Mr. Becker is a member of the Knights of Columbus, he belongs to Ss. Peter & Paul's Catholic church of Huntington, which the members of his family also attend and in the work of which they have been active. The pleasant family home is located at No. 1034 Oak street.

In 1881 Mr. Becker was married to Miss Margaret A. Foster, a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Klein) Foster. To this union have been

born the following: Ferdinand J., a graduate of the Huntington Business University, who is associated with his father in the monument business; Carl G., a graduate of St. Joseph's College; Hilda E., a music teacher; Marcellus C., a graduate of St. Francis College and a musician; Leo M., also associated with his father; Bertha M., a graduate of St. Mary's high school; and Beatrice, Margaret and Agnes, students of Ss. Peter & Paul's school. The entire family are musically educated and have a family orchestra that has attracted wide attention and interest at the many occasions at which they have exemplified their talent. Mr. M. J. Becker has played with the city bands of Huntington since he was fourteen years of age in the capacity of cornetist, and also filled the same position in the Huntington theater for many years.

Adam Pastor. While it is his special distinction in being the oldest grocer engaged in business at Huntington, Adam Pastor has also gained wide recognition for his business ability in that and other lines and is a man whose progress has been made from an humble financial position to one of affluence. Since the close of the Civil war, through which he served in the ranks of the Union army, he has been identified with the business interests of Huntington, has watched the growth and development of that city, and has contributed his own share thereto, and has prospered along with the city's prosperity.

Like a number of his community's citizens, Mr. Pastor is a native of Germany, having been born in Bavaria May 29, 1841. He was a lad of eight years when he accompanied his parents, Nicholas and Ellen (Steer) Pastor, to the United States. The family after landing in New York city went at once to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and then to Huntington county, settling on Little River in 1850. The mother died in 1854 in Huntington. These children were born to Nicholas and Ellen Pastor: Adam, Margaret, deceased; George, a florist in Huntington; one that died in infancy; and Charles, deceased.

Adam Pastor was reared in Huntington, received his primary education in a primitive old log schoolhouse in the vicinity of his father's farm, and subsequently was a student in a school conducted in the old log courthouse building. He was twenty-five years of age when his father died, and at that time he began a career of his own in the employ of Thomas Blackburn, a Huntington baker. Thus engaged in August, 1862, his work was interrupted when he answered the call of his adopted country and shouldered a musket for service in the ranks of the Eleventh Indiana Battery, which was at once sent to the front and attached to the Army of the Cumberland under the command of General Thomas. He took part in a number of hotly contested battles, including Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain and Jonesboro, and was always found fighting valiantly and faithfully, but escaped wound or capture, and was given his honorable discharge in July, 1865.

Returning to Huntington, Mr. Pastor found employment as a baker in the establishment of Mr. Thomas Blackburn. With native industry and thrift he carefully saved his earnings with the idea of becoming

proprietor of a store of his own, and in 1888 this ambition was realized when he opened a grocery, since which year he has continued to carry on business as sole proprietor. From humble clerkship has come some of the most successful merchants in our land. In America the road to prosperity is that of usefulness and activity, supplemented by laudable ambition, and these are the qualities which have gained Mr. Pastor prosperity and position. Few residents of Huntington have so long been connected with its interests, and during the nearly half century in which he has made his home in the city he has always stood for its upbuilding and progress along substantial lines and co-operated in many movements for the public welfare. His goods are delivered in a handsome automobile delivery wagon, and other innovations in his business show that he is able to adapt himself to modern methods. In addition to his own store building and substantial dwelling, he has invested in other property.

In 1869 Mr. Pastor married Miss Emma Hagee of Peru, Indiana, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Musselman) Hagee. To their marriage has been born one son, Edward, who is his father's assistant in the store. Edward Pastor married Miss Lacy Rex, and they have three children. Mr. Pastor is a member of James R. Slack Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and his political belief is that of the Democratic party. With his family he attends the German Reformed church, to the support of which he is a liberal contributor.

Anthony A. Weber. A native citizen of Huntington county, and president of the firm of Weber & Purviance, Mr. Weber's position in business affairs has long been one of assured prominence. His service in public office and in civic matters has also been of such a character as to make his name one of influential associations throughout Huntington county.

Anthony A. Weber was born in Clear Creek township, Huntington county, Indiana, on January 21, 1853. He grew to manhood on a farm, learning from his contact with the rural life of the community and the training he had in his home such lessons of frugality and industry as has been of inestimable worth to him in his later years. This training was accomplished with regular and diligent attendance at the common schools and also as a student in the normal school at Huntington. Having obtained a teacher's license at the age of twenty, for eight successive terms he was employed as instructor in the common schools of the county. The summer vacations were devoted to farm work until the summer of 1877, when he entered the employ of P. T. Baker as salesman of agricultural implements. While the business of the city has long claimed his attention, Mr. Weber may also be classed as a farmer. In 1879 he bought forty acres of his present farm in Union township, later added another forty acres, and seventy acres of the whole has since been reduced to a fine state of cultivation. His subsequent investments in other fine farms have given him a large amount of property in the rural districts.

Mr. Weber comes from German lineage, his father Michael Weber having been a native of Germany, where he married Mary Falter, who

bore him eight children. In 1840 Michael Weber emigrated to the United States, coming directly to Huntington county, Indiana, where he engaged in farming in Clear Creek township. That was his home until his death in January, 1894, his closing years being attended by all the comforts that his early thrift had provided for that time of life. After the death of his first wife in 1847, he married Barbara Huffman, who is now deceased. By that marriage there were three children, of whom Anthony A. was the oldest. Michael Weber during his early years in Huntington county served as trustee of Clear Creek township, and in that capacity proved himself a man of fine executive ability and a citizen of sterling worth.

The business career of Anthony A. Weber has been one of varied relationships. At one time he was in the grain business with Henry C. Silver, the firm name being Silver & Weber, and continuing four or five years. He then associated himself with Schulenberg Bros., the firm name being Schulenberg Bros. & Weber, whose business was conducted on the same site now occupied by Weber & Purviance. As a Democrat he early became interested in public affairs. From 1886 to 1890 he served as trustee of Union township, and in June of the latter year was elected clerk of the court of Huntington county, assuming the duties of his office April, 1891, and retiring just four years later. His office brought him to a residence at the county seat. Concerning his record as county clerk it will be sufficient evidence of his efficiency to quote briefly from two editorials which appeared in the local papers in April, 1895, and indicate that both parties viewed his administration as one of unqualified success. The *Evening Herald,* a republican paper, printed the following comment: "Mr. Moffett will succeed one of the most efficient, courteous and obliging clerks the county has ever had, and his administration will bring no discredit upon himself and his party if it shall prove as acceptable as that of Mr. Weber. Mr. Weber retires with the utmost good will of all our citizens, no matter what their party sentiments are. The office has been run in the interests of the whole people during his incumbency, and he has won the plaudit, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'"

The Huntington *Daily Democrat* about the same time said: "The outgoing clerk, Anthony A. Weber, has been a very efficient officer during his four years of service as county clerk. He has always been courteous, agreeable, accommodating and without any prejudice to party affiliations in the discharge of his duties, has succeeded in meriting the good will of everyone with whom he has come in contact. As a citizen Mr. Weber ranks among the first in the city." The strength of his personal following is also indicated by the fact that he was elected a councilman from the Third ward, on the democratic ticket for four years, the Third being at that time a strong republican ward.

When Mr. Weber retired from office he bought the interests of Samuel Bucher in the firm of Bucher & Son, and the business assumed the new title of Bucher & Weber. They were together in business as proprietors of a large feed and sales stable until Mr. Weber withdrew to associate

himself with Henry C. Silver. It was in 1913 that the firm of Weber & Purviance was incorporated, with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, and with officers as follows: A. A. Weber, president; Paul G. Weber, secretary; and Donald A. Purviance, treasurer. The firm deals extensively in lime, cement, live stock, coal, tile, hay, grain, feed, etc., and maintain elevators on the Wabash and C., B. & C. railroads at Huntington, Mardenis and Simpson, Indiana. Their Huntington business headquarters are on Warren street, and their dealings in grain, cattle, hogs and sheep have made them known all over this section of Indiana.

Mr. Weber is a member of the Knights of Pythias, his only fraternal affiliation. He has a fine residence on South Jefferson street. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church.

On March 20, 1879, Mr. Weber married Miss Mary Catherine Bucher, daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Johnson) Bucher. Her father was at one time head of the firm of Bucher & Son, already mentioned. Mrs. Weber was born in Clear Creek township, Huntington county, August 6, 1859, and died January 10, 1889, the mother of four children, as follows: Lilly May, born April 23, 1880; William Michael, born June 28, 1882; Grace Gertrude, born June 18, 1885; and Margaret Ruth, born February 20, 1888. On January 21, 1890, Mr. Weber married Miss Freelove Clara Yant, a daughter of Eli and Mary (Miller) Yant. She was born on July 25, 1861, in Stark county, Ohio. The children of this marriage are three in number: Paul Grayston, born October 8, 1892; Modjeska Mary, born February 24, 1894; and Myrtle Catherine, born August 12, 1902.

Charles K. Lucas. It is seldom that a young lawyer entering upon the practice of his profession achieves instantaneous and striking success. The path that leads to a large and representative practice is in nearly every case a weary and a tortuous one, for in the legal profession there is found no royal road to prosperity, the rewards of the calling going alone to merit. But to all rules there are exceptions, and it is probable that no better example may be found than that embodied in the career of Charles K. Lucas of Huntington. It must not be supposed that Mr. Lucas won his way to the forefront through any lucky chance or adventitious circumstance; he prepared faithfully, worked hard and studied continuously and assiduously; however, his recognition came far in advance of that attained by most men, and he has never betrayed the confidence which was placed in him when he entered upon his career.

Mr. Lucas is a native son of Huntington, and was born May 17, 1871. His family may be classed among the early residents of this county, which has been their home for a period of sixty years. His grandfather, Fred P. Lucas, was born in Ohio, and in 1854 came to Huntington county, where he became actively identified with Democratic politics and served four years in the capacity of county recorder. He married Hannah Harlan, a daughter of Charles Harlan, a native of Kentucky, who afterwards moved into Ohio. The father of Charles K. Lucas is Thomas L. Lucas,

who was born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1841, spent his boyhood there and gained his schooling, and in 1854 accompanied his father to Huntington county. He is now living in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. A prominent democrat of his day, he served as county clerk for two terms, from 1871 to 1879. Thomas L. Lucas married Miss Edith Taylor, a daughter of Charles Taylor, an old resident of Huntington county. She died in 1887 in Huntington.

Charles K. Lucas received his early educational training in the public and high schools of Huntington, and early adopted the profession of law as the field in which to devote his activities. After some preparation he began to read law in the office and under the preceptorship of the Hon. James B. Kenner, and in 1894 was admitted to the bar. In 1902 he formed a professional partnership with Mr. Kenner, but after four years this association was dissolved, and since that time Mr. Lucas has practiced alone. He is now in the enjoyment of an excellent and lucrative practice, and his connection with a number of important cases has made him a familiar figure in the courts of the county. As a strict adherent of the unwritten ethics of his calling he is held in high esteem by his fellow practitioners, and public confidence has been his since the outset of his career. At present he maintains offices at 51 East Market street.

In 1890 Mr. Lucas was united in marriage with Miss Pearl Humbert, daughter of Josiah Humbert of Huntington. To this union have been born four children, namely: Edith, who is the wife of Harrison M. Brightman of Columbus, Ohio; Geneva P., who is the wife of Robert P. Griggs of Florence, Louisiana; Edwin T., a student in the Huntington high school; and Kent, who attends the graded schools.

In political matters Mr. Lucas has republican leanings, although he is somewhat liberal in his views. He is a prominent Mason, holding membership in Amity Blue Lodge No. 483, A. F. & A. M., and Huntington Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., in both of which he has numerous friends.

William C. Divelbiss. Every village, town and city has a certain number of residents who have passed earlier periods of life engaged in agricultural pursuits, and to eliminate them would be to exclude a body that makes up the most solid and substantial class of citizens. In coming from rural to urban life they bring with them ample means as the result of industry, and they have the leisure and inclination to enjoy them, and this, of itself, adds no little to the general prosperity. Usually also they have the ripened judgment that admirably qualifies them for the necessary calm consideration of matters of public concern, sure to be presented in the every day life of so vigorous a country as the United States, and the force of their their influence must be duly reckoned with. In William C. Divelbiss, a retired farmer, who, since 1910 has been a valued resident of Huntington, Indiana, occupying his comfortable residence on Salamonie avenue, may be found an excellent representative of the class above referred to. He was born in Wells county, Indiana, March 28, 1850, and is the youngest in his parents' family of nine children. Wil-

liam Frederick Divelbiss, the father of William C. Divelbiss, was born August 27, 1809, in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. When twenty years of age he left his native state and went to Ohio and from there came to Indiana, settling first in Wells county. Farming was his chosen occupation and his first purchase of land was a tract of forty acres, situated near Markle, in Rock Creek township, Huntington county, Indiana. To this section he remained loyal all his life and died on the farm which he had already improved, in 1896. In early manhood he married Elizabeth Henleline, an admirable woman, who died in 1881, the mother of nine children, William C., as above mentioned, being the youngest born. This was a patriotic family, four of the sons, John, David, Samuel and Jonas, serving as soldiers in the Civil War, all belonging to Company C, Thirty-fourth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. The last one was not discharged from the service until in November, 1866, having participated in a battle in Texas after hostilities had been declared closed. All the brothers survived the dangers of war and lived to return and resume their peaceful pursuits.

William C. Divelbiss grew up on his father's farm, an excellent training for any boy, and attended first the district school in Rock Creek township and later the village school at Markle. After his marriage, in 1873, he settled on a farm in the vicinity of Markle and there engaged in general farming and stock raising for fifteen years. Subsequently he purchased a farm of 80 acres situated in Union township, Huntington county, near the old home place, and for a number of years largely devoted his attention to the breeding and sale of registered Polled Angus cattle, shipping to all parts of Indiana. Mr. Divelbiss remained on his farm until 1910, when he changed his place of residence to Huntington. Although he no longer takes an active part in the farm activities, he enjoys a general oversight and makes a daily visit as a matter of recreation.

On January 2, 1873, Mr. Divelbiss married Miss Elizabeth Sparks, who is a daughter of John and Rebecca Sparks, who were early settlers in Huntington county and still survive, enjoying fair health at the age of eighty-eight and seventy-seven years respectively. Their marriage has covered a period of sixty years. Mr. and Mrs. Divelbiss have four children: Charles E., who is a farmer; William Franklin, who is an employe of the Erie Railroad Company; Clara B., who is bookkeeper for the Majestic Furnace and Foundry Company; and Harry E., who manages his father's farm in Union township. Mr. and Mrs. Divelbiss are widely known. For forty years they have been members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Markle, Indiana. In his political views Mr. Divelbiss is a republican and has given his support to this party since reaching manhood but has never accepted any public office.

Abner H. Shaffer, M. D. Though now retired, Dr. Shaffer is the oldest physician in Huntington, where he has had his home for fifty-seven years. He began practice in this city in 1856, and few pioneers in the county have had more active or more useful careers.

Abner H. Shaffer was born in Starke county, Ohio, January 15, 1829, and at this writing is past eighty-four years of age. In a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, he was the sixth. His parents, George and Elizabeth (Maurice) Shaffer, were born and reared near Gettysburg in Adams county, Pennsylvania. The family has much military service to its credit. The father was a captain during the war of 1812. In 1824 he moved to Starke county, Ohio, where he entered a tract of land from the government, and converted the forest into a good farm. There the parents lived until October 12, 1866, and both died on the same day, the father at the age of seventy-eight and the mother at the age of seventy-six. Their deaths occurred eight hours apart.

It was on his father's farm in his native county that Dr. Shaffer was reared. During the winters he attended the district schools, and laid the foundation of a sound education. When he was nineteen years old he entered the Western Reserve University at Hudson, Ohio, and continued college studies two and a half years. At Paris in Bourbon county, Kentucky, he taught for two years, and in the meantime his ambition for a career had crystalized into a definite object. Returning to Ohio, he studied under Professor A. Metz, then a noted surgeon of Massillon, Ohio. During the winter of 1855-56, he took a course of medical lectures at the University of Michigan. Returning to Massillon, he practiced medicine a short time with his preceptor, and in August, 1856, arrived at Huntington, and started his professional career in this county. In October, 1861, Dr. Shaffer entered the Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland, where he remained until graduating M. D., with honors, in the spring of 1862.

Not long after his return to Huntington, Governor Morton in June, 1863, commissioned him assistant surgeon of the Seventy-Fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He at once joined his regiment at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. After the battle of Chickamauga, he was on hospital duty and was captured by the Confederates. Dr. Shaffer has the not enviable distinction of having been confined in the notorious Libby Prison, and his exchange was finally effected at City Point, Virginia, December 28, 1863. On reaching Washington he received a sixty days' leave of absence from the Secretary of War, and on its expiration rejoined his regiment at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was with the regiment at the capture of Atlanta, and had charge of the Post Hospital in that place. On September 16, 1864, he was promoted to the rank of surgeon, and was with his regiment under General Sherman on their march to the sea. June 8, 1865, his service ended, and he then returned to Huntington and resumed practice. While a general practitioner, Dr. Shaffer for many years had a high reputation in the county as a skillful surgeon.

In Huntington on March 20, 1867, Dr. Shaffer married Lizzie J. Collins. Her father, John B. Collins, served as a lieutenant in both the Mexican War and the Civil War. The two children of their marriage were: Clyde, and Von C., the former of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Shaffer died November 9th, 1891. On April 19, 1894, Dr. Shaffer married Lizzie M. Snyder.

Dr. Shaffer has long been an active member and also an elder in the Presbyterian church. His politics is republican, and in his earlier years he took a prominent part in public affairs. In 1875 he was elected to represent the counties of Huntington and Wabash in the Indiana legislature, and in 1878 represented the same counties in the state senate. In public affairs he possessed the qualities most needed for effective service, both knowledge and action, and was always vigorous in his championship of causes designed to promote the welfare of state and district. A service which he performed in behalf of his home city was his part in 1879 in the passage of the bill legalizing the act of the common council of Huntington, so that all litigations then existing was annulled or voided. He has often been honored with various smaller offices in his community. Dr. Shaffer is the oldest charter member of Amity Lodge A. F. & A. M., and one of the oldest surviving members of the Presbyterian Church organization at Huntington. He is a charter member of the James R. Slack Post, Grand Army of the Republic, has served as president of the Pension Examining Board, as president of the Huntington County Medical Society, was for thirty-five years local surgeon of the Wabash Railroad, and his name has been associated as a supporter and interested party in probably every important movement undertaken for the advancement of the prosperity and welfare of his home city and county within the past half century. Dr. Shaffer in 1871 was elected a school trustee, and is now the only surviving member of that board. At that time began a new era in the development of the public school system, when suitable buildings for the use of the schools were first advocated and eventually established. Much prejudice was encountered in the efforts in that direction, and it is an interesting illustration of the remarkable changes in public opinion in the course of thirty or forty years that the improvements suggested and advocated by the school board of that time would now encounter opposition from another source, namely, that the improvements were not adequate for the high and important uses of education. Governor Isaac P. Gray appointed Dr. Shaffer a trustee of the schools for Feeble-Minded Youths at Fort Wayne, and he served in that office for ten years, during the administrations of Governors Gray, Hovey and Matthews. Dr. Shaffer in 1875 received from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Indianapolis, the *ad eunden* degree. Dr. Shaffer is probably the oldest member of the Grand Old Party in Huntington county. His first vote for president was for Fremont, when that general ran as the first nominee of the republicans in 1856. Through fourteen successive presidential campaigns, Dr. Shaffer has voted for every republican candidate.

Gottlieb William Schroeder. The substantial element of German citizenship is represented by G. W. Schroeder, who came to Lagro township, Wabash county, Indiana, about twenty years ago, and has surrounded himself with land, home, and all the products of honest and energetic labor. Mr. Schroeder is a man whose substantial position in the community goes without question, since he is the owner of three hundred acres of the fertile soil of Lagro and Chester township.

G. W. SCHROEDER

Born in Huntington county, Indiana, October 14, 1867, Gottlieb William Schroeder is a son of Fred and Sophia (Poehler) Schroeder. Both parents were born and grew up and were married in Germany, came to the United States and lived in Huntington county for five years, and soon after the birth of their son, Gottlieb, located on a farm in Dallas township, in that county, where both lived until their death. The father owned one hundred and seventy acres, and all his land and prosperity were acquired through his independent effort. There were five children, as follows: Henry, Gottlieb W., William, Charles and Dick.

Gottlieb William Schroeder grew up in Huntington county, had the advantages of the district schools, and has followed a career of hard work and constant attention to business, the result of which has been a generous prosperity. On December 26, 1895, occurred his marriage with Miss Theresa Young, the only daughter of P. P. Young, who was a well known citizen of Lagro township, Wabash county. Mrs. Schroeder died on April 10, 1911. There are seven children living: Philip, who is a student in the Fort Wayne Business College, Adolph, Appolina, Arnold, Sophia, Theresa and Lawrence.

Immediately after his marriage Mr. Schroeder came to Wabash county and bought one hundred and twenty acres from Henry Wendell, in Lagro township. Subsequently he bought forty acres from John Steuber, and from time to time has added to his acreage, until he now possesses three hundred acres in this part of Wabash county. He is one of the largest land owners in the northeastern part of Lagro township, and has a highly creditable standing in the community and is regarded as one of the most successful farmers and business men in that section. He was one of the organizers, and is a director, of the Bippus State Bank, and owns stock in the Farmers National Life Insurance Company. In politics he is an independent voter, and is a member of the Lutheran Church.

City Free Library. This is the proper title of the Huntington Public Library, with the additional sub-title "The Building Gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie." As an institution of Huntington which comes close to the schools and the adult population, a history and description are appropriately inserted in this work.

The building regarded as a model by scientific librarians is of Bedford stone, with an attractive red tile roof, built on a foundation seventy by fifty-five feet, and comprising two stories. It was first opened to the public February 21, 1903. The main stack room was built to shelve forty-five thousand volumes, and while about eight thousand three hundred volumes were moved into the new library, at the end of ten years, the shelves were lined with nearly twenty thousand volumes. The circulation of 1903 totalled the figures 27,463, while the last report shows a circulation of 41,402. Six stacks have been added to the main stack room, and the shelving capacity at this writing is totally inadequate. Improvements have been recently made by which the available space is increased by a new second-story balcony, with a mezzanine floor, and

with additional shelving capacity of between fifteen and eighteen thousand volumes. The metal newspaper case, with roller shelving, located on the second floor, was the second equipment of that kind to be installed in any Indiana library.

The most noteworthy features of the library are its facilities and service to the public. On December 9, 1911, was opened on the ground floor a railroad and scientific room. This is designed as a place where the railroad man, the mechanic, the electrician, or any interested citizen may find answers to his problems, relaxation and instruction. All books on engineering, mechanics, electricity, bench work, shop work of any kind, are placed in that room, besides files of technical magazines and periodicals. The room is splendidly lighted, and the walls hung with pictures and maps donated by different railroad lines. It was due to the interest and efforts of the Erie Railroad officials that this room has become so important a part of the library. Probably of even greater importance to the coming generation is the children's department of the library. This is a spacious room containing several thousand children's books, and is located on the first floor. Everything possible is being done to encourage young people to use the library. Reading lists have been compiled by the teachers of the city schools and printed in pamphlet form, and by cooperation between the schools and the officials the circulation of children's books has been greatly increased. While the library board have taken pains to increase their circulation on a systematic and general plan, it has been a special policy to add works of an industrial and technical nature, since Huntington is becoming more and more an industrial city, and the library is the center of information and culture to a great many of the industrial workers in the community.

Concerning the building and its facilities some very high honors have been paid to the Huntington library. The building has been chosen as a model three different times, with respect to its size and plan. Photographs and floor plans have been printed in the report of the Public Library Commission of the State, and similar illustrations of the Huntington institution have been published in a book of small model library building, compiled and issued in Wisconsin. A Norwegian magazine recently printed a lengthy article accompanied by illustrations and the floor plan of the Huntington Library, and containing also a report of the Huntington system of cataloging, and other features of the service. The Huntington Library was chosen as a type representing the best small library for the money in Indiana.

The practical beginning of this institution was the organization in 1874 of the Public School Library Association, comprising life members and yearly members. The life membership fee was twelve dollars, and the yearly fee was two dollars. The first president of the association was James Baldwin, then superintendent of the city public schools. Room for the collection was afforded in the Central school building, and in a short time there were twelve hundred volumes in the collection. Many of these were descended from the Mechanics and Working Men's Library, a historic institution of early Indiana. That library was estab-

lished by William McClure, and a number of the old books, bound in sheepskin and bearing on the cover the words "Mechanics & Workingmen's Library," are still to be found in the Huntington Library collection. The first librarian was Miss Melinda M. Embree, a public school teacher, who was succeeded by Eliza A. Collins, and she in turn by James Roche, after whom Miss Mary Hawley was librarian.

In 1889 the library was reorganized under state laws, and became a free library, its use being extended to the people. Miss Maggie C. Dailey was the first librarian under the new law, and held the office until 1898. She was succeeded by Miss Lyle Harter, who served until 1904, when Miss Winifred Ticer, the present librarian, began her duties. The first and second assistant librarians at the present time are: Priscilla McArthur and Katherine Hartman. The members of the library board at various times since the reorganization in 1889 have comprised the following well known citizens of Huntington: B. F. Ibach, Dr. B. H. B. Grayston, E. T. Lee, John Frash, O. W. Whitelock, S. M. Saylor, Miss Mary B. Cox, Mrs. Edna B. Felter, Miss Josephine Cox, J. W. Ford, S. E. Cook, W. A. Branyan, J. W. Cline, M. L. Spencer, Dr. Helen K. McIlvaine, Herman E. Taylor, Mrs. Ida C. Reichenbach, Mrs. Ella H. Sexton, Mrs. Anna Balfour, James Kennedy, H. I. Young, C. K. Lucas, I. H. Heaston, Eben Lesh, Mrs. Emma R. Gibney, M. W. Moore, Peter Martin, C. E. Smith, E. E. Woolery, Thomas Burns, F. S. Bash, J. C. Altman, Mrs. G. H. McLin, Mrs. John Wallace Caswell, R. I. Hamilton, and W. P. Hart. The present board of trustees is as follows: J. M. Studder, chairman; Horace Weese, vice chairman; E. E. Woolery, secretary; Mrs. A. E. Abbott, Mrs. Charles McGrew, Mrs. J. W. Caswell, Mr. C. A. Small, Mr. Theodore Torborg, Mrs. Crawford Hathway, Mrs. Curtis Merriman, and Mr. A. J. Wilhelm.

In December, 1901, the Huntington school board was offered the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars by Mr. Andrew Carnegie for the erection of a library building. The offer was accepted in January of the following year, and a suitable site donated for the building. At the present time the building represents an investment of about $34,000. The contract price of the building was $19,288.69, which of course did not include the heating plant, light fixtures, plumbing, decorating, and other furnishings.

Michael Weis. One of the solid and well established business men of Huntington, Indiana, is Michael Weis, a native son of the county of which he has always continued a resident, and for many years a resident of Huntington. Though reared to farm life, he was still young in years when he demonstrated his fitness and aptitude for other fields, and he has worked his way upward to his present position through years of constant endeavor and honest ambition. Today he is one of the most successful and prosperous grocerymen in the retail trade in Huntington, and he ranks among the most progressive and popular men in the community.

Michael Weis was born in Huntington, August 15, 1857, and is the son of Henry and Caroline Weis, both natives of Baden-Baden, Ger-

many. While yet quite young Henry Weis emigrated to the United States and from New York City he came direct to Huntington county, locating soon thereafter in Warren township on a farm. There the father died in his fortieth year of life. It was on this farm that Michael Weis was principally reared. He went to the country schools until he was about thirteen years old, at which time he took up work in a general store in Huntington. There he acquired a fairly good practical business education in the several years he continued to be so occupied. The experience he had gained as a salesmen in a general store as a boy and young man called him to embark in business on his own responsibility, and he launched out into the retail grocery business in Huntington. In the same year he was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Kuhlman, the daughter of William Kuhlman of Huntington.

Mr. Weis has since become an independent operator in the retail grocery field, and he is one of the best established men to be found in the business in the county. His store is located at No. 1612 North Jefferson street, and there he has a wide and well selected stock of staple and fancy groceries. He caters to a fine trade and enjoys a prominence of which he is well worthy as a reliable and progressive merchant. Not only is Mr. Weis popular as a merchant and business man, but he is much esteemed for his admirable character and his pleasing social qualities. His fine residence is located at 633 West Tipton street.

Jonas E. Bixby. One of Huntington county's honored citizens and business man at Andrews, is Jonas E. Bixby, now retired after a long and successful career as a farmer and wholesale grocer. While his success as a business man is a matter of note and has been gratifying, Mr. Bixby has also made a record as a soldier and as a public spirited citizen which will always reflect honor on his name, and his descendants may well be proud of the worthy part he took during the war of the Rebellion.

Jonas E. Bixby was born in Knox county, Ohio, January 29, 1841. His parents were Aaron and Maria (Martin) Bixby, his mother a daughter of Joel Martin, a native of Knox county and representing one of the very earliest families located there. Aaron Bixby moved from Knox county to Defiance county in 1843, and spent the rest of his life near Defiance. He died April 29, 1847. He was born April 27, 1790. He wife was born in 1810, and she subsequently married a Mr. Stacy as her second husband. Aaron Bixby had four children, all of whom are now deceased except Jonas.

The latter's boyhood was spent on a farm in Ohio, and he had the training and environment of a farmer boy until two years before the beginning of the Civil war. His education was acquired by attendance at the country schools and the city schools at Defiance, and he also profited by the fact that his father was a teacher.

When he was little more than twenty years of age, on April 23, 1861, he enlisted for service in the war of the Rebellion in Company C of the Fourteenth Ohio Infantry. This was a three months' regi-

ment and at the expiration of his term of enlistment was mustered out on August 13, 1861. However, not satisfied with his part as a soldier, and still eager to brave the hardships and dangers of campaign, he enlisted during the Fall of 1861 in the Sixty-eighth Ohio Infantry in Company B. He had enlisted for a term of three years, and continued with his regiment in the various operations in the Mississippi valley until after the fall of Vicksburg, and on December 9, 1863, he veteranized, and then continued a soldier of the Union until mustered out and given his honorable discharge on July 10, 1865, some weeks after the close of hostilities, and after he had fought with the boys in blue for more than four years. He was in the great Atlanta campaign, and at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain on June 18, 1864, was wounded in both hands. Altogether he saw active service in fourteen important engagements. Entering as a private, he was promoted several times, and made a splendid record as a soldier. Mr. Bixby is now a member of the Andrews Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and has served as a commander in New Haven, Indiana.

After the war he returned to Defiance, Ohio, and bought land and engaged in farming for several years. While at home on a furlough during the war he was married on May 5, 1864, to Anna Braucher. She was born and reared on a farm near Defiance, Ohio, and they lived together, as man and wife for seventeen years until her death. She was the mother of five children, two of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Bixby died in November, 1881. On October 6, 1882, he married Ida M. Morse. She was born near Defiance April 4, 1858, was reared on a farm, and received a good education. After their marriage Mr. Bixby and wife lived on his farm five years, then sold out and moved to the city of Defiance, where he entered the wholesale and retail grocery trade with his brother-in-law. Subsequently their enterprise was developed into an exclusive wholesale and jobbing business, the company was incorporated, and he became one of the principal stockholders.

Of the second marriage of Mr. Bixby three children were born, and only one is now living. One passed away in infancy, and a son died while serving with the United States navy. Raymond O. is cashier of the State Bank of Andrews.

Mr. Bixby and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Andrews, and he is a trustee and steward in the church organization, and has served as Sunday school superintendent fourteen years. His wife is vice president of the ladies' aid society. He is one of the stockholders in the State Bank of Andrews, has twelve shares in the Lagro-Andrews Telephone Company, and is a stockholder in the Wasmuth-Endicott Company at Andrews, and also still has stock in the Defiance Wholesale Grocery Company. Raymond O. Bixby, the only living son of Jonas E. Bixby, was born at Defiance, Ohio, October 17, 1888, and though a very young man has already acquired a substantial position in business affairs and is cashier of the State Bank of Andrews.

He acquired his education in the public schools of Ohio and Indiana, and in 1906 graduated from the Huntington Business University. His first business experience was as stenographer with the Erie Railroad Company in their offices at Hammond, and on January 1, 1907, he took the position of assistant cashier in the State Bank of Andrews. In February, 1912, he was promoted to cashier, and has made himself popular and efficient in that position.

Raymond O. Bixby married Miss Josephine King, of Andrews. They have one son, Robert O., Jr., born July 14, 1911. Mr. Bixby and his wife are members of the Methodist church of Andrews, and he affiliates with Antioch Lodge No. 410, A. F. & A. M., with Andrews Chapter No. 110, R. A. M., and Andrews Council No. 64, R. & S. M. He is now the Master of his lodge. The State Bank of Andrews, of which he is cashier and director, was organized June 1, 1908, and the other officers are E. M. Wasmuth, president, and E. V. Fitch, assistant cashier. The directors are: E. M. Wasmuth, H. R. Wasmuth, A. D. Wasmuth, C. E. Endicott, John H. Sell, William Shinkel, C. E. Fults, and R. O. Bixby. In politics Mr. R. O. Bixby is a Republican, and is serving as town treasurer of Andrews. He is an energetic and honorable young business man, and has made an excellent record since entering upon his career only a few short years ago.

Edwin W. Poinier, M. D. The doctor of medicine who would succeed in his profession must possess many qualities of mind and of heart not included in the curriculum of the schools and colleges which he may have attended. In analyzing the career of the successful practitioner of the healing art, it is invariably found that a broad-minded sympathy with the sick and suffering and an earnest desire to aid his afflicted fellow man has gone hand in hand with skill and able judgment. Dr. Edwin W. Poinier, engaged in practice at Andrews, Indiana, fortunately embodies these qualities, and through energy and ambition has built up a solid reputation in his honored calling.

Doctor Poinier is a native of Chicago, Illinois, and was born April 30, 1879, a son of William J. and Harriet (Hosier) Poinier, the former born in Chicago and the latter in Ohio, and both now residents of the Illinois metropolis. The doctor received his early education in the Chicago public schools, following which he entered high school, and after his graduation therefrom, in 1897, became a student in Northwestern University, at Evanston, where he took the preparatory course in medicine. Later he became enrolled as a student of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago, and was graduated from that well-known institution in 1902. His advent in Andrews occurred in August, 1903, since which time he has been able to build up a lucrative professional business. He is a member of the Huntington County Medical Society, and the high esteem in which he is held by his medical brethren is shown by his service as president of that institution. He also maintains membership in the Eleventh District Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, keeps fully

abreast of the progress made in the profession, and has never ceased being a close and careful student. He has gained public confidence through his ability and his abiding sympathy as a physician, and for his sterling and public-spirited citizenship.

Doctor Poinier was married in October, 1903, to Miss Lela Peet, of Chicago, a graduate of the public and high schools of Chicago and of the Cook County Normal school, and for five years a popular educator in the schools of her city. Two children have been born to this union: Emmett W., born in 1904, and Norman E., born in 1907.

Doctor Poinier has been very active in fraternal affairs and few men have a wider circle of friends. He belongs to Lodge No. 410 (Antioch), F. & A. M., Andrews Chapter No. 110, R. A. M., Andrews Council No. 64, R. & S. M., Fort Wayne Consistory, S. R., and Mizpah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.. In Masonry he is high priest and thrice illustrious master of the council. He belongs also to Golden Rule Lodge No. 108, Knights of Pythias; and to Andrews Tent No. 167, Knights of the Maccabees. In all public affairs, affecting his own community or the country at large, he has always been interested, doing his share toward progress and advancement. In politics he is a republican. He has been honored by being appointed as health officer for five years, and secretary of the Andrews school board for three years.

JOHN G. GRETZINGER. In preparing the sketches of the living representative men of any community, the biographer meets with many difficulties, because of the prevailing modesty of the average man of business, who almost invariably manifests a certain repugnance for anything that smacks of notoriety or prominence, and thus discourages even friendly attempts to uncover the secret of his success. Genuine success is not likely to be the result of mere chance or fortune, but is something to be labored for and brought out with consecutive effort. Therefore, there is satisfaction in tracing, even briefly, the salient points in the career of such a man as John G. Gretzinger, not alone for the success he has gained, but because he is widely and favorably known in all walks of life.

Mr. Gretzinger has the distinction of being a native son of Huntington county, having been born in Dallas township, in 1874, a son of George and Alice (Sell) Gretzinger, natives of Ohio. The parents were both children when they came to Huntington county, and the father grew up in Dallas township and the mother in Warren. After their marriage they settled in Dallas township where they resided until moving to Andrews, and here his death occurred in 1889, while the mother still survives. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom are living at this time: Joseph, a resident of Andrews; John G.; Anna R., the wife of C. E. Knee, of Andrews, Indiana; Jacob, a resident of Peru, and a conductor in the service of the Wabash Railroad; Mary L., the wife of A. L. Long, of Andrews; Lizzie, the wife of Chester Brown, of Andrews; William H., who is employed by the Wabash Railroad at Peru; and Tracy M., who is the wife of Earl Jefferson, of Polk township.

John G. Gretzinger was reared on his father's farm in Dallas township, and while growing up attended the district schools of that vicinity and the Andrews High school. He completed his studies in the Huntington Business College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1899, and thus prepared embarked upon his career, first in the barber business, to which he devoted four years. He then successfully passed a Civil Service examination, and for two years was carrier for Rural Free Delivery Route No. 3, at Andrews, following which he entered the clothing business and spent two years therein. He is now part owner and general manager of the dry goods establishment which bears his name, and through strict attention to business, honorable dealing and good judgment has built up an excellent trade. He is known as a business man of foresight and acumen, and has the full confidence of all who in any way have been associated with him.

Mr. Gretzinger is a member of the German Lutheran church. He has been prominent in fraternal circles, belonging to Antioch Lodge No. 410, F. & A. M., Andrews Chapter No. 110, R. A. M., Andrews Council No. 64, R. & S. M., Fort Wayne Consistory, and Mizpah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Fort Wayne. He belongs also to Golden Rule Lodge No. 308, Knights of Pythias, and the Uniform Rank of that order; and to the Order of the Eastern Star. His political views are those of the republican party, although he has not been an office seeker. He is a thoroughly progressive public-spirited citizen, and as such is worthy of the confidence and regard reposed in him.

Marcus B. Park. A resident of Andrews since 1896, Marcus B. Park has during the period of seventeen years been connected in important capacities with some of this city's leading industries and by reason of his business acumen, skill and foresight has done much to further the commercial interests of his adopted community. In the position of chief clerk of the Wasmuth-Endicott Company he is widely known in business circles, while he is equally well known as a public-spirited citizen and as a popular figure in fraternal life. Mr. Park was born in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, April 21, 1869, and is a son of Boyd S. and Katie (Flagg) Park.

Boyd S. Park was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and was a young man when he emigrated to the United States, first settling in Connecticut, where he met and married Katie Flagg, a native of that state, about the year 1867. They soon moved to Cleveland, and from that city to Kokomo, Indiana, subsequently going to Logansport, and finally locating in Andrews, where both still reside. Mr. Park was for many years engaged successfully in business, but has now retired from active affairs and is living quietly, enjoying the fruits of his long years of well-directed labor. Mr. and Mrs. Park had three children: Marcus B., Harry W. and Charles A., all well known business men of Andrews.

Marcus B. Park was about five years old when his parents moved to Kokomo, and there he commenced his education in the public schools. Later he attended school in Logansport, where he was graduated from

the Logansport High school and the Logansport College, and then took a course in the Marion Business University. With this thorough preparation, he embarked upon his business career as a paymaster in the employ of the firm of P. & F. Corbin, hardware manufacturers at New Britain, Connecticut, with whom he remained for some three and one-half years. He then returned to Indiana, and during five years was manager of the firm of F. O. Gephart, at Marion, his next connection being with the Marion Cupboard Company, where he remained as chief clerk for two and one-half years. In 1896 Mr. Park came to Andrews to become associated with the Andrews Cabinet Company, and left that concern to accept his present important position as chief clerk of the Wasmuth-Endicott Company, which he still retains. His ability in his line is unquestioned and his integrity has never been doubted. He has made numerous wise investments in real estate, owning forty acres in Polk township, Huntington county, which he has rented for farming purposes, and has also evidenced his faith in the future prosperity of Andrews by putting his money into realty here.

On September 3, 1893, Mr. Park was united in marriage with Miss Ida J. McKee, who was educated in the public schools and reared in Wells county, Indiana. They have had no children of their own, but an adopted son, now twenty-three years of age, whom they reared from infancy, is now doing well in a business way in St. Louis, Missouri, and they are now caring for an adopted daughter, now a bright and intelligent miss of six years. Kindly, charitable people, they are devout members of the Christian church, where Mr. Park has served for a long period as a member of the board of deacons. He enjoys the companionship of his fellows, and his fraternal connections include membership in Antioch Lodge No. 410, F. & A. M., Andrews Chapter No. 110, R. A. M., and Andrews Council No. 64, R. & S. M., and in Golden Rule Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor. He is also a charter member of the Manhattan Athletic Association and has done much to promote its interests. In his political views Mr. Park is a republican, and has been actively interested in various public matters. He has served three terms as town clerk of Andrews and has also acted efficiently as a member of the city council. His devotion to duty has commended him to the general public, and his loyalty and fidelity have won him a wide circle of friends.

Arthur D. Wasmuth. One of the best known names in business circles of Huntington county is that of Wasmuth, members of this family having been identified with the commercial and industrial history of the county for many years. In every case they have shown themselves honorable and straightforward men of business, and there is no exception to this rule in the case of Arthur D. Wasmuth, a worthy representative of the name at Andrews. Mr. Wasmuth is now a member of the firm of A. Wasmuth & Sons, and in charge of the lumber interests of the firm at Andrews has shown himself capable, progressive and enterprising in methods and in practice. Furthermore, he has won his community's confidence by his good citizenship, a true test of a man's genuine worth.

Mr. Wasmuth was born in the village of Roanoke, Huntington county, Indiana, November 28, 1871, and is a son of A. Wasmuth, an honored business man and resident of that place. The third in order of birth of his parents' children, he was reared in the village of his nativity, and after completing the curriculum of the graded public schools became a student in the Roanoke Classical Seminary. When he had graduated from that institution, he adopted the profession of educator and for some time labored as instructor in the country schools of Allen township, but gave up teaching when he took up the study of law and entered the legal department of the State University at Bloomington, Indiana. There he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws when he was graduated with the class of 1896, and in that year he opened an office for the practice of his profession in Huntington. For four years he was a familiar figure in the courts of Huntington county, and his reputation as a lawyer was becoming firmly established. However, commercial lines called him, and when his father and brothers embarked in the lumber business at Roanoke, he became a member of the firm and gave up his professional business. In 1910 he came to Andrews as representative of the firm and has continued to be a resident of this city to the present time. His connection with a number of important industries here makes him an important factor in the business life of the city, and his prestige among his fellow-citizens has been gained through none but strictly legitimate transactions. From a small beginning this branch of the business has developed into one of large proportions, trade being attracted from all over the surrounding country. Few men in this section are better known to the trade, and probably none are more popular.

Mr. Wasmuth was married at Huntington, Indiana, to Miss Hazel Thomas, of Berlin, Wisconsin, and to this union there has come a son, Thomas, who was born in 1913. Fraternally Mr. Wasmuth is connected with Roanoke Lodge, F. & A. M., and Andrews Chapter No. 110, R. A. M., and is also enjoying the privileges of membership in Golden Rule Lodge No. 308, Knights of Pythias. Politically a Republican, he has taken some interest in public matters, especially as pertaining to his community, and at one time was his party's candidate for the office of county prosecutor.

James F. Stephenson. One of the rising and prosperous young men of this community is James F. Stephenson, now cashier of the Bippus State Bank, and who has held that office since the organization of the concern in 1911. He has been identified with banks and banking since 1906, and has acquired in that time a deal of experience that stands him in excellent stead in his present position.

Mr. Stephenson was born on June 28, 1885, in Adams county, Indiana, and he is a son of William and Jane Stephenson, both of whom are now residents of Allen county, this state. James Stephenson was reared on the home farm, his parents being farming people all their days, and he attended the common schools of Allen county, after which he attended high school at Monroeville, Indiana. He was still later

graduated from the Tri-State College at Angola, Indiana, in the teaching course, with the degree of B. E. D. He was thereafter employed as a teacher in the common schools for four years, and from 1903 to 1906 he was superintendent of the Hoagland high school.

In the year last named Mr. Stephenson had his initiation into the banking enterprise, when he became assistant cashier of the Hoagland State Bank. After a short time spent there, he became interested in the proposed organization of the new Bippus State Bank, and he was the first cashier of that institution, which first opened its doors for business in July, 1911. He is a stockholder in the bank, and has continued in the office of cashier down to the present time.

Mr. Stephenson was married in 1908 to Miss Etta Barkley, of Hoagland, Indiana, where she was engaged as a teacher in the public schools while Mr. Stephenson was superintendent of schools at that place. The acquaintance formed while carrying on their educational activities resulted in their marriage, as above stated. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Hoagland, Indiana, and he is a member of West Point Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics Mr. Stephenson is Independent, and he is one of the most estimable citizens of the town. He is a young man of much energy, and of a pleasing uprightness of character, which have rendered him one of the most admirable younger citizens of the community. Both he and his wife are socially prominent and have many friends hereabouts.

Carl E. Endicott. One of the progressive business enterprises of the flourishing city of Andrews, and one which contributes materially to its importance as a center of commercial activity is the Wasmuth-Endicott Company. This concern has been developed from humble beginnings by men of business ability, foresight and judgment, among whom stands prominently the company's present efficient secretary and treasurer, Carl E. Endicott. Mr. Endicott belongs to that class of men who have been the architects of their own fortunes and who have fought their way over every obstacle in their path and by sheer grit and perseverance have attained the goal of their ambitions. His career forms a striking illustration of what may be attained by making the most of opportunities, for when he began his struggle with life he had neither educational advantages or the assistance of means or influential friends.

Mr. Endicott is a native of the Hoosier state, born October 26, 1874, at New London, Howard county, a son of John and Frances Endicott, the former a descendant of Governor Endicott of Massachusetts. Carl E. Endicott was reared as a farm boy and spent his summers in assisting his father, while in the winter months he attended the district schools and subsequently graduated from the township high school. He then borrowed enough money to take him through the State University, where he was graduated in 1897, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in order to liquidate his debts taught school for six years. Later he was superintendent in the Reformatory school at Jeffersonville for four

years, and in 1902 came to Huntington county. Here he became one of the organizers of the State Bank of Andrews, of which he was cashier, and continued to act in that capacity for ten years, in the meantime serving for eight years of this period as treasurer of the school board. In February, 1912, Mr. Endicott decided to enter the field of business, and accordingly associated himself with the Wasmuth-Endicott Company, of which he has since been sales manager. Through perseverance, industry and well-directed effort his firm has succeeded in building up a substantial business from a small beginning, and through careful attention to the wants of their customers has won their trade and good will.

On May 24, 1899, Mr. Endicott was married to Miss Elizabeth Wasmuth. They have no children. Mr. Endicott is popular fraternally as a member of Antioch Lodge No. 410, F. & A. M., Andrews Chapter No. 110, R. A. M., Andrews Council No. 64, R. & S. M., Fort Wayne Consistory, S. R. M. and Mizpah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He has served as master of his Blue Lodge for three years. Mr. Endicott also holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, and is efficiently serving in the capacity of treasurer thereof. He is a republican in political matters, but has not sought public preference, although he keeps well posted on affairs of importance, especially those which have any bearing upon the welfare of his community or its people.

Maurice H. Krebs, M. D. Among the men of large ability and splendid professional and intellectual attainments who have selected Huntington as the field of their activities, a prominent place is held by Dr. Maurice H. Krebs, who has made the most careful and extensive preparation as a specialist in the diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, in which particular branch of medicine he is one of the most qualified and most skilled practitioners in northern Indiana.

Maurice H. Krebs is a native of New York City, where he was born July 23, 1878. His parents are Sigmund and Jeanette R. (Kerby) Krebs. His father, who for many years was prominent in the dry goods trade in New York City, is still living, now partly retired, and looking after his extensive investments and other interests in the city of New York.

Dr. Krebs grew up in his native city, attended the grammar and high schools, and prepared for college in the Academic department in the College of the City of New York. Subsequently he became a student of medicine, and was graduated in 1900 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the medical department of Columbia University. His graduation was followed by practical work and experience in the New York Hospital, and in the Willard Parker Hospital, where he remained eighteen months. He began practice in New York City, and continued following the general lines of his profession until 1904. In the meantime his special ability had been demonstrated along the lines of his present practice, and as it was his intention to become a specialist he interrupted his private practice to become a student of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Going abroad, he attended lectures in the Univer-

sity of Vienna, Austria, and clinics in the London Royal Clinic, and also visited the medical centers of Germany, in Berlin, and Halle, and was also a student for a time at Liverpool. On his return to the city of New York, he practiced a short time, then came west and located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and in 1906 opened a fine office in Huntington. His office is equipped with all the appliances for the successful conduct of his special practice. Dr. Krebs enjoys the patronage of many of the best families in Huntington, and in his specialty has no superior in this part of the state. While all his energies are absorbed by his private practice, he has found time to lend his professional service for the benefit of the public. It was Dr. Krebs who is largely responsible for having introduced the present system of medical inspection in the public schools of Huntington, and he is now serving as medical supervisor of the Huntington public schools. He is a member of the Huntington County Medical Society, the State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Chicago Oto-Laryngolical Society and the New York Ophthalmological Society, etc.

In 1905 Dr. Krebs married Miss Inez Vernon, of Huntington, a daughter of James B. Vernon, a former county surveyor of Huntington county. The doctor and wife have one son, Maurice Vernon Krebs. Dr. Krebs is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, takes much interest in that fraternity, and was elected to the office of exalted ruler, April 1, 1914; he also belongs to Eureka Lodge No. 243, F. & A. M., New York City, and is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Dr. Krebs has contributed to literary, medical, society and other journals, and is a public spirited, broad minded and genial gentleman, and has won a notable success in his profession.

William Franklin Swaim. All too rapidly the ranks of those who took part in the great struggle between the North and the South are thinning. The gray-haired veterans, one after another, are going to join their comrades in that land where bloodshed and warfare are unknown. But few of the defenders of the Union flag during the sixties now remain who are able to hold their own in the keen struggle of every-day competition. Yet here and there are found exceptions. Now and then a sturdy old warrior is found whose eye is as bright and whose step is as firm as in the days of youth, and who, with intellect still unclouded, finds enjoyment in a struggle in which he is pitted against the sons and grandsons of his former comrades. Although more than seventy years of age, William Franklin Swaim, of Huntington, veteran of the Civil War, and ex-official of Huntington county, continues to remain active in the management of his large affairs. He was born March 16, 1843, on the old home farm in Salamonie township, two miles east of the thriving town of Warren, Huntington county, Indiana, and is a son of the Rev. Samuel H. Swaim.

The ancestry of Mr. Swaim is traced back through many generations to the early settlement of Delaware and New Jersey by the Swedes and Finns, and later the family is found represented among the early

pioneers of the historic old North State. From the most reliable information obtainable, the Swaims appear to have been descended from both the above nationalities, and the name is first found in the local annals of Delaware and New Jersey as far back as the year 1638. Samuel Hines Swaim, the father of William Franklin Swaim, was born October 25, 1820, in Randolph county, North Carolina. He was a youth of sixteen years of age when he accompanied the family to the wilds of what is now known as Salamonie township, Huntington county, Indiana. He became a man of education, a great reader and lover of books written by eminent authors and known as standard works, and part of his career was spent as a teacher, beginning in 1834 and continuing for the succeeding twenty years, during which he gained a wide reputation in his calling. Reared a Baptist, he later joined the Methodist religion, became a widely-known minister, and was a great Bible student.

William Franklin Swaim passed his boyhood and youth in assisting his father on the home farm, his education being secured partly in the district schools, which he attended for about sixty days each winter, but principally under his father. The older man's preceptorship advanced the youth so rapidly that while still in his minority he secured a license to teach, although his work in the schoolroom was interrupted by the war. In December, 1863, he laid aside the cap and gown to take up the musket, enlisting in Company D, One Hundred and Thirtieth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and remained at Kokomo until the ensuing March, when it was ordered to join Sherman's army in Georgia. This regiment was assigned to the Second Brigade, First Division, Twenty-third Army Corps, under General Schofield, being the flanking corps during the celebrated Atlanta campaign, and as such participated in many of the stirring scenes which marked that eventful service during the great War of the Rebellion. On July 22, 1864, while engaged before Atlanta, Mr. Swaim was taken sick, which necessitated his removal from the front to the field hospital, and later the character of his indisposition made it imperative to remove him to Knoxville, where better treatment could be obtained. On September 20, 1864, he left the hospital upon furlough and until the December following recuperated his strength under the care of relatives and friends at home. Rejoining his regiment at Nashville, he took part in the bloody battle at that place, after which he accompanied his command in pursuit of General Hood to the Tennessee river. Later, his regiment embarked on the Tennessee and made its way down that river and up the Ohio to Cincinnati, where it took train for the national capital. After spending a month in Washington the command proceeded by water from Alexandria to North Carolina, landing at the mouth of Cape Fear river, from whence it was ordered to Forts Anderson and Beaufort. After a short stay at the latter place, an order came to proceed to Newbern, North Carolina, from which place the regiment, with others, made a long and tiresome march across cypress swamps and badly broken country to Goldsboro, taking part in the battle of Kingston on the way. Joining Sherman, they went to Raleigh, thence

to Greensboro, and there Mr. Swaim witnessed the surrender of General Johnson, an event which broke the backbone of the Confederacy in that part of the South. For some time thereafter the regiment did guard duty at Charlotte, North Carolina, and in August, 1865, a part of the regiment was ordered to Lincolnton, where it remained until November following. In September, 1865, Mr. Swaim was detailed to serve as clerk to the captain of his company, who was inspector general of the District of West-North Carolina, in which capacity he continued until mustered out of the service at Charlotte, North Carolina, December 2, 1865. Eleven days later he was honorably discharged at Indianapolis, Indiana, after which he returned to his home and once more took up the peaceful pursuits of civil life.

Mr. Swaim operated his father's farm during the two years that followed his leaving the army, and then embarked upon a career of his own by the purchase of eighty acres of good land. He continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits from 1868 to 1881, and at intervals also worked at the carpenter's trade. Upon disposing of his farming interests, he moved to Warren, and there, in partnership with his brother-in-law, Franklin Shaffer, he operated a planing mill for a period of four years. Subsequently he left this business to take up teaming and also interested himself in various other lines of endeavor. In 1889 he was elected a member of the board of trustees of Warren, and three years later had the honor of being chosen town treasurer, the duties of which position he discharged conscientiously and faithfully for two terms. In May, 1894, Mr. Swaim became the Republican nominee for county auditor, to which office he was elected after a strenuous campaign, with the handsome majority of 403 votes. As in his army life, in his official career Mr. Swaim showed himself true to every duty reposed in him, and through his courtesy won friends throughout the county. Although he retired from the activities of life upon the expiration of his official career, he has continued to look after his business interests, in the management of which he has shown keen discernment, foresight and acumen.

Mr. Swaim was married February 21, 1867, to Miss Mary Thompson, who was born in Salamonie township, Huntington county, Indiana, November 20, 1841. She is the daughter of John H., who was born November 12, 1802, and Mary (Thompson) Thompson, who was born February 14, 1807, both parents natives of Kentucky, from whence they came to Huntington county, Indiana, in the autumn of 1840. John Howard Thompson was one of the prosperous farmers and representative citizens of Huntington county, a man of unimpeachable honor and integrity and a leader in all moral and material movements for the well-being of the community. He followed farming until the year 1870, when he disposed of his property and made removal to the town of Warren, there continuing his residence until his death, October 26, 1889. Mrs. Thompson preceded him to the grave, passing away February 3, 1880. They were devout members of the Christian church and were known as kindly, charitable people. One child was

born to Mr. and Mrs. Swaim: Alfred Edward, September 16, 1868. He was married September 1, 1889, to Miss Amelia M. Irwin, and they had one daughter, Edith Marie, who was born November 8, 1890. Alfred Edward Swaim was his father's deputy while he occupied the county auditor's office, and later became assistant cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Huntington.

Mr. Swaim has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since March, 1857. He exemplifies his faith in his daily life and conversation, takes an active interest in the affairs of the local congregation with which he is identified, and is foremost in all movements having for their object the advancement of education, morality, good citizenship and the public welfare. His fraternal connection is with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he also likes to foregather with his old comrades in James R. Slack Post No. 137, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he has been Adjutant for the last six years.

James Maurice Hicks, M. D. Numbered among the leading physicians of Huntington county is James Maurice Hicks, who for more than a decade has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in the city of Huntington. Dr. Hicks stands high in his profession and has made a great success, but is perhaps equally well known as a gentleman farmer, and his integrity and uprightness and public spirit and enterprise have placed him high in public favor.

James Maurice Hicks was born near the city of Reading, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1867, a son of Jacob S. and Amelia (Moyer) Hicks. His father, a stonemason, followed that trade for many years in Pennsylvania, but in 1889 moved to Indiana and settled on a farm in the vicinity of Huntington, where he remained the rest of his life, his earnest and industrious labor resulting in well-earned success. He died on the farm in 1893, but the mother, who was born in 1842, still survives and makes her home on Frederick street in Huntington.

Dr. James Maurice Hicks received his primary education in the country schools of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and later in the schools of Altoona, Blair county, finishing at the Altoona high school. His studies in medicine were pursued in the office of J. M. Buck at Altoona, then following his instruction there he entered the Hahnemann College, Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1893. Dr. Hicks has supplied himself with exceptional thoroughness in his profession. He spent eighteen months in the Homeopathic Hospital of Chicago as a surgeon. In October, 1901, he took a trip to Vienna, Austria, and pursued special studies abroad for one year. In 1904 came a post-graduate course at the Detroit Hospital, and he has at all times continued to be earnest in his efforts to keep fully abreast of the various advancements and discoveries marking the progress of his profession. Whenever the opportunity has come he has availed himself of the privilege of attending clinics, he is a close observer and student, and has contributed a number of articles to various medical journals. Dr. Hicks was likewise prominent in organized medical affairs, and has served as presi-

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dent of the Huntington County Medical Society. Besides membership in that body he is also a member of the Indiana State Medical Society, of the American Medical Institute of Homeopathy and the Indiana State Medical Institute of Homeopathy. His fraternal connections include membership in the Knights of Pythias, the Elks and the Foresters.

Dr. Hicks has well appointed offices at Huntington, where he has been engaged in practice since 1904, and it is probable that his professional business is the largest of any general practitioner in Huntington. In addition to his modern home, at 325 S. Jefferson street, Dr. Hicks has considerable real estate in the city, and a valuable farm of three hundred acres in Huntington county. This farm is improved with modern and substantial buildings and is stocked with a good breed of cattle, hogs and horses. Personally Dr. Hicks is a man who has no difficulty in making friends and retaining them. He takes a public spirited interest in all matters that affects the welfare of his community, although the onerous duties of his practice will not allow him to enter the field of politics. He is a Democrat and is a member of the German Reformed church.

In 1895 Dr. Hicks married Miss Zella Cameron of Huntington, whose parents came to this state from Ohio. To their union has come one son, James Maurice Jr., born in 1907.

JOHN KENOWER. Now at the venerable age of ninety-four years, an old settler, a resident of Huntington since January 23, 1841, and long an active factor in industrial and business affairs, John Kenower is one of the men whose careers have been vitally effective in promoting the welfare and development of this Indiana county.

John Kenower was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, March 2, 1820, and was the third child and second son of Jacob and Sarah (Wise) Kenower. His ancestry is of good old Holland Dutch stock. His parents were natives of Cumberland county, where the father was born October 6, 1791, and the mother on July 15, 1792. The family home remained in Pennsylvania until 1834, when it was moved to Clark county, Ohio, in New Carlisle. From that locality the parents moved in 1844, and in the first month of that year reached Huntington. In the family were nine children, several of whom reached prominent places in business, social and public affairs. These children were as follows: George, born January 29, 1816; Mary Ann, born March 7, 1818; John, born March 2, 1820; David, born March 13, 1822, and died in childhood; Catherine, born December 9, 1824; Sarah, born May 27, 1827; Adam Q., born July 18, 1829; Ann Elizabeth, born November 16, 1831; and Jacob, born November 19, 1834. All except the last named were born in Pennsylvania. The father of this family died August 6, 1866, and his wife had preceded him August 27, 1854.

John Kenower was fifteen years old when the family moved to Clark county, Ohio. Reared on a farm, he had a thorough training in a pioneer vicinity, and his education was more of the practical sort acquired through association with the plow and the ax than by study

of books. In January, 1841, he left home and came to Huntington, Indiana. That village then contained fourteen families, and this interesting fact of early history would be more complete with the names of those residents at that time, which are given as follows: John Roche, David Osborn, William G. Johnson, Patrick McCarty, John McClellan, J. E. Taylor, William Delvin, Captain Elias Murray, Sr., E. W. Sawyer, Cheisea Crandall, Thomas Doyle, James Gillespie, Mrs. Daniel Johnson, a widow, and Julia Murray. Mr. Kenower came to Huntington in company with the families of H. J. Betts, Hugh Montgomery, Charles Taylor and William Taylor, the party traveling from New Carlisle, Ohio, overland in a wagon.

Arriving at his new home without any capital John Kenower found his first work in the employ of H. J. Betts for whom he labored four months at twenty-five dollars a month, including his board, washing and mending. He took a town lot in payment for his services. That town lot is the site on which the old American house was later built. For his first labors, Mr. Kenower took up carpentering work, which he followed until about 1852. He had previously been trained in that trade under his father. In 1846 he purchased a cabinet shop, and did business as one of the early cabinet makers in Huntington until 1863.

After a residence of fourteen months in Huntington, Mr. Kenower was married on March 18, 1842, to Miss Lucy H. Montgomery, a daughter of Hugh and Sally (Betts) Montgomery. Mrs. Kenower died on November 18, following her marriage. On April 14, 1847, Mr. Kenower married Miss Florence M., a daughter of John Binager. She died fifteen months later, leaving a young child, who died a few weeks later. On April 15, 1850, the third marriage of Mr. Kenower brought him as a wife Sarah Purviance, daughter of James L. and Elizabeth (Sprowl) Purviance. They became the parents of four children: Clara Isabella, William W., Elizabeth J., and John P.

The business career of Mr. Kenower was most successfully identified with the lumber trade. In 1850 he first established himself in that line and for many years took the leading part in the development of the industry in Huntington county. During his first year as a lumberman he manufactured more than one hundred and fifty thousand feet, and during the first ten years his output, made and sold, amounted to over two million feet. Most of the raw material was obtained in Huntington county, which at that time was well wooded, but it soon became necessary to extend the enterprise to the timberlands of other counties. Much of the lumber supply was then manufactured from black walnut timber, a native product which was early stripped from the lands of Indiana, and which was one of its most valuable early resources. Mr. Kenower shipped his walnut lumber to markets at Toledo, Cincinnati, New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. No other enterprise ever established in Huntington county had more to do with the rapid setting up of the community than that of which Mr. Kenower was the founder. In 1865 he erected a saw-mill, which in later years, through lack of supply of native timber, was remodeled into a planing

mill. Along with his exceptional business enterprise, Mr. Kenower possessed a character of the strictest integrity, and while advancing to material success, he also kept and increased his esteem among all with whom he had dealings.

Mr. Kenower during his long career has held different official positions. He was county commissioner when the court house was built, and was a member of the town council when Huntington was first incorporated. He held a place in the council for a number of years and did much officially for the benefit of the public. In 1869 he built a schoolhouse known as the Rural Home, one of the famous old-time institutions of Huntington. In later years he took a leading part in the development of the gravel roads of the county, and was president and director of the Mount Etna Gravel Road Company, and also a director in the Maple Grove Gravel Road. Both the material and moral welfare of the community have always been an object of his care and attention. For many years he has been a worker and loyal member of the Baptist church, and from his personal means contributed much to the erection of the first house of worship, and also the later and more modern church edifice. For a period of nearly forty years he was superintendent of the Sunday school. Such a career, prolonged through many years, marks John Kenower as one of the most eminent men of Huntington county, and he fully deserves the tribute of respect and honor implied in this article.

Hon. Jacob G. Lamont. By the election of Mr. Lamont to the State Senate from the district of Huntington and Whitley counties, in 1910, the honors of public position and politics fell upon an exceptionally worthy citizen and efficient business man. Mr. Lamont whose home has been in Huntington county for more than forty years, has long been identified with the building and contracting business and also with the lumber trade in this and other sections of Eastern Indiana. His business record has been without a blemish, his dealings have always been straightforward and marked by scrupulous integrity, and he is one of the best known men of this county.

Jacob G. Lamont is a native of Canada, born at Welland, Ontario, April 30, 1857. His father, John Lamont was a native of Ireland, and his mother, Elizabeth (Gibson) Lamont, was born at Washington, Pennsylvania. The father combined the occupations of farming, contracting and building for many years, and in 1870 brought his family to Huntington county, Indiana, locating on a farm in Warren township, where he was known as a general farmer and stock raiser until his death in 1881. His widow still survives, and lives in Huntington.

The early education of Jacob G. Lamont, was obtained in the public schools of Welland, Ontario, and was continued after the family came to Huntington county, by attendance at the high school in Huntington. On leaving school his experience was on the farm, assisting his father in caring for the stock and cultivating the fields, until he was twenty-one. In the meantime he had learned the carpenter's trade, worked

as a journeyman for some years, and finally located in Huntington as a contractor and builder. In the course of his long experience his services have been employed in the erection of many of the fine residences and in the construction of schools, churches, and other buildings, and he was one of the builders of St. Mary's school at Huntington. In 1897 began his active interests in the lumber trade. In partnership with C. P. Kentz, the firm of Kentz & Lamont was established and for three years was conducted under the name of The Cash Lumber Company. During the next three years Mr. Lamont was associated with Mr. N. P. Salling of Muncie, in the same line, after which Abner Griffith of Muncie became his partner. In 1905, Mr. Lamont organized the Huntington Lumber Company, and was one of its active principals until 1911.

In 1910, as a Democrat, Mr. Lamont was elected State Senator from the district composed of Huntington and Whitley counties. His service has been through the sessions of 1911 and 1913, and his term expires in November, 1914. As a legislator he has shown a broad knowledge of the requirements of both his district and the state at large, and has done good work on several important committees. He has long been a factor in Democratic politics in Huntington county, and fraternally his associations are with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Knights of the Maccabees. About two miles from Huntington Mr. Lamont owns a little farm of twenty acres, excellently improved and much of it in fruit, this affording a comfortable home, and also a means of diversion. In the city of Huntington he also owns considerable real estate.

In 1882 Senator Lamont married Miss Jennie McClelland a daughter of Samuel and Elzie (Patterson) McClelland. Their union has been blessed with five children: Margaret, Gertrude, Mayme, Edith, and Herbert Donald.

Dr. Orville G. Whitestine. The oldest veterinary surgeon of Huntington, where he has practiced for the last twenty-five years, Dr. Whitestine represents an old family of Huntington county, and in his professional career has long enjoyed the confidence and the patronage of the best people in this part of Indiana.

He was born in the city of Huntington, Indiana, April, 1868. Dr. Whitestine is the youngest son of James F. and Lucinda (Campbell) Whitestine, both of whom were born in Seneca county, Ohio. In 1850 the family moved from Ohio, and first settled in Union township of Huntington county and later moved to the city of Huntington, where the father continued his active career until his death in 1881. The mother died in 1882.

Orville G. Whitestine was well educated in the grammar and high schools at Huntington, and studied medicine under Dr. O'Leary, M. D., at Huntington. For some time he lived on a farm near Huntington, and gradually his practice as a veterinary absorbed all his time and energy. He became associated in partnership with Dr. F. A. Bolser,

under the firm name of Bolser & Whitestine, and they opened an office in Newcastle, Indiana, where he practiced four years, since which time he has been in practice at Huntington. After returning to Huntington, Dr. Whitestine formed a partnership with Dr. L. Bower of Muncie, and their relationship lasted five years. Dr. Whitestine has been continuously identified with the active work of his profession at Huntington since 1885. He has splendid equipment, comprising a large brick barn, fifty-five by sixty-five feet, well arranged with box stalls and other facilities for the care of horses on short notice. He has office equipment in his barn, and a complete stock of medicine and instruments necessary for his work. He treats all kinds of domestic animals from a dog to a horse, and his service as a veterinary has been sought both night and day in the city and over a large surrounding territory of the country.

Dr. Whitestine married Miss Minnie I. Fisher, of Huntington, a daughter of Jacob Fisher, one of the old residents of Huntington county. The doctor and wife who have no children live at 238 Washington Street.

Prof. Garl W. Vickery. From the rank of a district school teacher, Prof. Garl W. Vickery has risen in the brief span of nine years to his present post as principal of the Bippus High School, a rise that is most praiseworthy and which reflects the qualities of energy and ambition that have been dominant forces in the life of their possessor. Prof. Vickery's success has been a pleasing one to contemplate, and he stands high among the educators of the county as one of the progressive and talented men among his profession.

Professor Vickery was born in the vicinity of Treaty Station, in Wabash county, Indiana, on September 15, 1883. He is a son of Martin L. Vickery and his wife, Ellen M. (Heavenridge) Vickery. The father was born in Henry county, Indiana, and came to Wabash county in early life, later locating in Huntington county, Warren township, and being still a resident of that place. He served as assessor of Warren township for four years and has long been among the foremost citizens of his community.

Eight children were born to Martin and Ellen Vickery, of which number Garl W., of this review; Ethel, who is the wife of Frank Gleasner of Swayzee, Indiana; Frank, a graduate of the International Business College of Fort Wayne, and now manager of the O'Gondy Co. Elevator at Bippus; Clara, the wife of Jesse Tyner; Lola, a graduate of the International Business College of Fort Wayne, and now with the Barker-Brown Shoe Company at Huntington, Indiana; Albert, a student of the Bippus high school, as is also Ivan; and Aaron, now attending the grade schools of the township.

Garl W. Vickery had his early upbringing on the home farm in Warren township, and he was accorded his early educational training in the district schools and in the Warren township high school, from the latter of which he was graduated in the class of 1904. Later, he spent

a year in the State Normal School at Terre Haute, Indiana, and this constituted his only college training. His first teaching activities were carried on as teacher in a district school in the fall of 1904, first in District No. 2 of Warren township. He spent three years teaching in the grade schools after his three years of district school teaching, and in 1910 he was appointed principal of the Clear Creek high school, a position he held for two consecutive years, of 1910-11 and 1911-12. In the latter part of 1912, he became principal of the Bippus high school, and is now serving as superintendent of that school, a position in which he has acquitted himself most creditably and satisfactorily. His progress has been a praiseworthy one, and has come as the result of his close and careful attention to his duties, so that he has earned every promotion that has been accorded to him.

In 1907 Mr. Vickery married Miss Fern Hornaday, the marriage being celebrated on the 26th day of April. She was born and reared in Chester township, Wabash county, Indiana, and is a graduate of the North Manchester High School. Mrs. Vickery was for three years engaged as a teacher in the district schools of Chester township, prior to her marriage, and was an educator of no little promise and success.

Professor Vickery has a place today among the leading and most influential citizens of Bippus, and is prominent in various circles. He is a member of West Point Lodge, No. 688, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a Past Grand and a member of the Grand Lodge of the order. Politically he is a Democrat, but he has never gone into politics to any extent, his interest in affairs of that nature not extending beyond the demand of good citizenship. He is a man of excellent character and wields a worthy influence in the community, as is eminently fitting, and more especially so in a man of his calling and position.

Charles E. Knee. In the essentially and useful career of Charles E. Knee there is to be found a lesson for the youth of any land, especially those who are struggling with unfavorable circumstances in their desire for position and fortune. Left fatherless by the Civil war when still a child, he has known adversity and from boyhood has learned self-reliance, and through indomitable energy and tireless industry has made a place for himself among the substantial men of his community. Mr. Knee, who is Rural Free Delivery Carrier of Route No. 2, Andrews, makes his home in this city. He is an Indianaian by birth, having first seen the light of day, May 26, 1857, at Litchfield, Montgomery county, and is a son of Valentine and Rachel (Yaughgar) Knee.

Valentine Knee was born in Indiana and was a man of sturdy and industrious habits, in modest circumstances, but with a comfortable home, a good wife, and a family of bright, intelligent children. There were many excuses he could have given for not going to the front during the dark days of the Civil War, but when he saw his country's honor threatened by Secession, he bravely shouldered his musket and marched away from home as a member of the Seventy-fifth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He never returned to his home or his loved ones,

as on the bloody field of Chickamauga he met a soldier's death. There were five children in his family, of whom three are still living at this time: Charles E., of this review; J. J., who is in the employ of the Wabash Railroad; and S. M., who is chief clerk of the offices of the Wabash Railroad at Danville, Illinois. Mrs. Knee still survives her husband and is living at her home in Andrews.

Charles E. Knee was a babe of one year when he was brought by his parents to Huntington county, and was but six years old when his father was killed. The brave mother managed to keep her little family together, and gave the children the best educational advantages she could afford, rearing them to habits of industry and honesty. Mr. Knee attended the public schools of Andrews to some extent, but the greater part of his education came from the schools of hard work and experience, and one of his earliest lessons learned was the value of a dollar. He made the most of his opportunities, accepted whatever honorable employment came his way, and wisely invested his earnings in valuable real estate, so that today he is a large landholder. In 1883 he was married to Miss Mary Downs, and to this union there have come two children: Mabel, who became the wife of Frank Brown, of Andrews; and Lawrence E., a graduate of the Andrews High school. Mrs. Knee died in June, 1894, and Mr. Knee was married (second) to Miss Anna Gretzinger, who was born in Dallas township, Huntington county, Indiana, and educated in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Knee have one daughter: Florence, born February 11, 1909. Mrs. Knee is a devoted member of the Christian church, and has been active in its work at various times. Fraternally, Mr. Knee is connected with Antioch Lodge No. 410, F. & A. M., Andrews Chapter No. 110, R. A. M., Andrews Council No. 64, R. & S. M., of which he is high priest and thrice illustrious master; and Golden Rule Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, at Andrews. A republican in his political views, he served as deputy assessor of Dallas township for a long period and as truant officer of Huntington county for five years. He passed the Civil Service examination and was appointed mail carrier on Rural Free Delivery Route No. 2.

Mr. Knee has always been a very popular and influential citizen of his community, and his course in life has been ever such as to commend him to the confidence and regard of those with whom he comes into contact, whether in business or social circles.

William O. Taylor, president, manager and one of the owners of the Lagro-Andrews Telephone Company, is one of the best known business men of this part of the state. A man of broad and varied interests he has ever carried on his activities in a manner calculated to advance the welfare of his community, with the prosperity of which he has in turn prospered. His business life has been one of constant advancement from his young manhood, and his success has been due to his own unflagging zeal and honorable manner of fulfilling his every engagement. Mr. Taylor, like many other successful business men of his locality, is a product of the farm. He was born on the family home-

stead in Wilson county, Kansas, February 1, 1872, and is a son of E. S. and Peminah (Downing) Taylor, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Taylor's parents were both natives of Crawford county, Ohio, where they were married, but in 1868 left the Buckeye state to travel further west, and in Kansas they were engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Taylor died when William O. was ten, and Mr. Taylor died when the son was thirteen years old.

The boyhood and youth of William O. Taylor were passed much as other farmers' sons of his day in Kansas. The short winter terms found him attending the district school in the neighborhood of his home; in the remainder of the year he was accustomed to be employed in the thousand and one duties which fall to the lot of the tiller of the soil. Thus he grew to sturdy manhood, strong of body and alert of mind. When he reached the age of nineteen years he went back to his parents' old home in Crawford county, Ohio, and there was engaged in various lines of activity until the year 1905. At that time he started a telephone exchange at Lagro, Indiana, and on December 15th of that year became the owner of the exchange at Andrews. Thus was organized the Lagro-Andrews Telephone Company, an incorporated firm which has since built the exchange at Mount Etna and is continuing to enjoy a healthy and continued growth in volume of business. The present officers are: William O. Taylor, president and business manager; and D. A. Taylor, secretary and treasurer. Through Mr. Taylor's able management this company is now giving its patrons excellent service and it has become recognized as one of the important factors in the business life of Andrews, Lagro and Mount Etna. Mr. Taylor has large interests of a business character in all of these cities, and makes his home in Andrews, he having here a one-third interest in the John G. Gretzinger & Company dry goods store. A quiet, unassuming man, he has sought no political office, but is considered a stalwart Democrat. He takes a pride in the city of his adoption and is always foremost in assisting measures for its welfare.

In July 25, 1901, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Reiff, of Crawford county, Ohio, the daughter of Christian Reiff, who came to the United States from Germany and settled at an early date in Crawford county, Ohio. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, namely: William E., born in 1903; Ralph E., born in 1905; and Mary P., the baby, born in May, 1909. Mr. Taylor is popular among his acquaintances, and especially in fraternal circles. He is a valued member of Antioch Lodge No. 410, F. & A. M., Andrews Chapter No. 110, R. A. M., Andrews Council No. 64, R. & S. M., Fort Wayne Consistory, and Mizpah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., having attained to the thirty-second degree in Masonry. He also is a member of Golden Rule Lodge No. 308, Knights of Pythias, in which he is chancellor commander. He owns his own home in Andrews and other property, having evidenced his faith in the future prosperity of his community by thus investing his money and supporting its interests.

JOHN M. EADS. Farming, considered a mere manual occupation, has of recent years reached the dignity of a business, and some men now operate their land in a manner that raises it almost to a science. Such methods pay well, for the soil gives large returns to those who cultivate it correctly, and nowhere does this apply in greater degree than in the fertile fields of Huntington county. One of the prosperous agriculturists of the county who has gained a substantial position through modern methods of soil culture is John M. Eads, of Polk township, who has devoted his entire life to farming. He was born on a farm in Lagro township, Wabash county, Indiana, October 28, 1872, and is a son of William B. and Rachael (Wamsley) Eads.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Eads, Burkett and Elzie (Collins) Eads, were born in Virginia, where they were married, and subsequently moved to Harrison county, Kentucky. After a residence there of some years they came to Indiana, and here spent the remaining years of their lives. Burkett Eads was a prominent public figure of his day, was an influential Democrat, and became sheriff of Madison county, an office in which he was serving at the time of his death. William B. Eads was born in Harrison county, Kentucky, March 30, 1828, and was a child when brought by his parents to Indiana. He grew up in Madison county, where he attended the public schools, but his education was somewhat limited owing to the fact that he started to make his own way in the world at the age of fourteen years. He was sturdy, energetic and faithful, and was thus able to earn from ten to twelve dollars per month, and by thriftily saving his earnings was able to lay aside quite an amount. By the time he reached his majority he had some little capital, and was married and established a home of his own. He came to Huntington county in 1875, and here he has since made his home in Polk township, where he is now living quietly, having retired from active pursuits some years ago. He is widely known and highly respected in this section, where his name has ever been known as a synonym for honorable and upright dealings with his fellow men. Mrs. Eads died at the age of fifty-nine years, having been the mother of ten children, of whom four daughters and three sons are living, as follows: Elzellen, who is the wife of William N. Williams; Elmira, who is the wife of William Tudor; Sarah, who is the wife of Orange Mahoney; Martha, who is the wife of W. H. Southwood; Jasper A., a resident of Wabash county; Isaac, of Jefferson township, Huntington county; and John M.

John M. Eads was three years of age when he was brought by his parents to Huntington county, and here he was reared to agricultural pursuits on the home farm, in the meantime securing his educational training in the public schools. He has always followed farming as a vocation and the admirable results which he has attained speak well for his training. Progressive and modern in his character, he gladly adopts all measures and improvements which will assist him in his work, and keeps himself fully abreast of the latest discoveries in his field of endeavor. On December 1, 1892, Mr. Eads was married to Miss Clara

Dawson, of Wabash county, Indiana, a native of Illinois, who was reared in the Hoosier state and is a graduate of the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Eads have one daughter, Hazel, born August 27, 1893, a graduate of the common schools and the Monument City High school, class of 1913, and now the wife of Herman Rudical, whom she married December 31, 1913. Mrs. Eads and her daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Eads is fraternally connected with Golden Rule Lodge No. 308, Knights of Pythias, in which he has numerous friends. Politically he was always a republican until the election of 1912, since which time he has been a stalwart supporter of the principles of the new progressive party.

William A. Thompson is a successful farmer, a citizen in whom the people have manifested their confidence by electing him to the position of trustee of Polk township. He is now discharging the duties of that office with marked promptness and fidelity, and with such men at the head of public affairs a community may feel assured that its interests will be safeguarded and administered with the strictest honesty and after the most approved business methods. In his long and successful career, Mr. Thompson has been engaged in a variety of lines of endeavor, farming, teaching and merchandising, and in each has shown his ability.

Mr. Thompson was born in Warren county, Indiana, and was but three months old when his parents took him to Texas, where the family remained for about two years. They then returned to Indiana and located in Polk township, where the youth was reared to manhood. He was given excellent educational advantages, attending the common schools of Huntington county and Polk township, the Polk township high school and the Marion Normal school, and then for three terms was a student in the De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana. Upon his graduation from that institution, he took up educational work, and for seven years was a teacher in the schools of Polk township. Few educators have gained greater popularity than did Mr. Thompson, but he felt that in other lines he would secure a greater measure of success and accordingly he returned to farming. After a short period he accepted an opportunity to enter the hardware business at Andrews, but commercial lines did not meet with his favor, and after one year he again answered the call of the soil and became a worker in the field of agriculture. At this time he is cultivating 140 acres of good land, which he devotes to general farming, although he also raises some stock. He is thoroughly versed in modern methods, and is an advocate of their use, his own achievements in the line of producing crops being decided arguments in his favor.

On August 16, 1899, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Rosa Kellam, who was born in Polk township, a member of one of the earliest families of this community, her grandfather, the late Silas B. Fisher, being the first white child born in Polk township. Two bright and interesting children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, namely, Agnes and

Howard, twelve and six years old respectively, who are attending the public schools of the township.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are consistent members of Pitcher Chapel of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Thompson is a member of Mount Etna Lodge No. 304, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand, and a member of the Encampment. Mrs. Thompson belongs to the Rebekahs, and is a past grand and a member of the grand lodge of the state. Politically a republican, Mr. Thompson has taken an active interest in civic affairs.

Arthur E. Charles. Some of Huntington county's successful citizens, after years spent in other lines of endeavor, have returned to farming, satisfied that in this line they can more surely gain a full measure of success. The call of the soil is strong to all classes, but to the man who has been reared among agricultural surroundings it is particularly so, and when he again returns to the plow he invariably gains himself a position among his community's substantial men. In this class stands Arthur E. Charles, who is now carrying on operations on a tract of eighty acres in Polk township, although for a number of years other pursuits had his attention. He is a native son of Huntington county, having been born on a farm in Polk township, April 2, 1873, and is a son of Jesse P. and Lorinda (Miner) Charles. His parents were married in Henry county, Indiana, and on coming to Wabash county settled in the vicinity of Lincolnville, where they resided for a short time, subsequently going to near New Holland and then to the city of Wabash. In 1895 they came to Polk township and located on a farm of 80 acres four miles south of Andrews, where Mr. Charles continued to be engaged in farming and raising stock until his death, November 17, 1908. The mother still survives and makes her home on the old farm. They were the parents of six children, of whom five are living at this time: Homer W., who is a graduate of the Valparaiso schools, is now married and a resident of Topeka, Kansas, where he holds the responsible position of superintendent of the Boys' Industrial School of the State of Kansas; Lola M., who is the widow of William R. Ridgeway; Nora B., who is residing at home with her mother; William E., who died in 1907; Nellie C., who is the wife of John S. Jack, of Minneapolis; and Arthur E.

Arthur E. Charles was reared on the home farm in Polk township and in the city of Wabash, and received his early education in the district schools and the graded schools of Wabash. He was given further advantages by attendance at the Indiana State Normal school, and then qualified as a teacher and took up educational work, being for several years a popular teacher in the public schools of Wabash and Huntington counties. He then left the schoolroom to accept a position in the old Howe factory at Peru, where he remained eight years. In 1907 he returned to the farm in Polk township, where he has since continued, and is now in charge of eighty acres of well-cultivated land. His labors in the active affairs have brought him a fair degree of success, and he is

becoming recognized as one of the men who are maintaining Polk township's high reputation in the agricultural line. His time is given to his farm and home interests, and he has not found leisure to enter the political field, although he takes a keen and intelligent interest in those things which affect the welfare of his adopted community. For a number of years he was a supporter of republican policies and candidates, but in the campaign of 1912 he transferred his allegiance to the new progressive party, which has since had his ardent support. Mr. Charles is well known fraternally belonging to Antioch Lodge No. 410, F. & A. M., Andrews Chapter, No. 110, R. A. M., and Andrews Council, R. & S. M. At present he is senior warden of his lodge and in the chapter king, while in the council he serves as deputy master. He has many friends in this connection, and is generally esteemed in Polk township because of his industrious and honorable career.

William W. Campbell. Solid business connections and natural ability, combined with thorough experience, assist a merchant to compete successfully with competitors, and in many instances by developing an originality of handling sales to distance them and add to his patronage by a large number of satisfied customers. One of the successful merchants of Huntington county, who has succeeded in the enterprise with which he is now connected because of natural ability and aptitude, is William W. Campbell, propreitor of a general merchandise store at Monument City, where he has been located since 1909.

Mr. Campbell is a native of Huntington county, having been born on a farm in Wayne township, October 20, 1869, and is a son of John F. and Mary A. (Trowbridge) Campbell. Both of his parents are now deceased. Mr. Campbell was brought up to agricultural pursuits, and during his boyhood when not attending the district schools was engaged in helping his father in the cultivation of the homestead property. He early learned habits of industry and thrift, and a careful mother taught him the rewards to be gained by honesty and probity. He continued under the parental roof until he was twenty-one years of age, and then faced the world on his own account, being engaged in farming for several years. Mr. Campbell then laid aside agricultural operations to become an educator, and for several years taught school in Huntington county. This vocation, however, did not appeal to him, and he next went to Marion, Indiana, where for eight years he was engaged in work in a lumber yard, and here gained his first insight into business methods. Subsequently, he returned to the old home place which he operated for eight years for his mother, his father having died, and at the end of that period purchased a farm of his own in Wabash county. It had always been Mr. Campbell's desire, however, to enter the commercial field, and when the opportunity offered, two years later, he traded his land for the building and stock of goods at Monument City, thus realizing his ambition of becoming a merchant. From the first the business has been a remarkable success, and it now commands a generous share of the trade of this part of the county. Mr. Campbell's business acumen, judgment

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and capacity have enabled him to realize the needs of his customers and to secure for them the most desirable goods. He has steadily built up a substantial business enterprise, and is now accounted one of the leading men of his adopted place. In his political views Mr. Campbell is a republican, but he has been too busy making a place for himself in the business world to enter actively into the strife of political affairs.

On December 24, 1890, Mr. Campbell was married to Miss Minnie Burnworth, who was born in Wayne township, Huntington county, and was well educated in the public schools. To this union there have been born five children, namely: Glenn, who is a graduate of the common schools, married Belle Jennings, and is a carpenter in Monument City; Ethel, who is also a graduate of the public schools, and now the wife of Roy Prilaman; and Agnes, Austin and Earl, who are all attending the Monument City grammar school.

Charles Bechtol. After many years spent in earnest and industrious endeavor, Charles Bechtol is now living in quiet retirement in his pleasant home at Huntington, surrounded by the comforts which form the commensurate reward for an energetic and well-spent life. Mr. Bechtol is one of Huntington's oldest and most highly respected residents, and a review of his career should prove both interesting and instructive to those who are starting out in life in an effort to gain position and prominence, without the aid of capital or influential friends.

Charles Bechtol is a native of Ohio, born September 3, 1840, in Stark county, the third son of David and Mary Bechtol, the latter of whom died when Charles was still a small child. His father, David Bechtol, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, founded the family in Ohio in early manhood when he settled on a farm in Stark county, but in his latter years came to Indiana, and died at South Bend, this state, at the remarkable age of ninety-seven years. Charles Bechtol grew up a farmer boy and was reared to habits of thrift and industry. His education was secured during the short winter terms at the district school, and in the school of hard work and experience, for during the greater part of the year he assisted his father and brothers in cultivating the homestead. Mr. Bechtol did not take kindly to agricultural work, however, and when sixteen years of age began to learn the carpenter's trade, an occupation at which he was engaged during three summers. He came to Indiana first in 1860, stopping in Whitley county, where he found employment in a brickyard, and from that place came to Huntington, here being employed in the shops of the Wabash and Erie Railroads and along the line of the old canal running from Huntington to Cincinnati, Ohio. Later he learned the trade of machinist and was again employed by the Erie Railroad, making his home in Huntington, although for a time he was employed in Toledo, Ohio. After eighteen months, however, he returned to Huntington and became a carpenter and carbuilder in the Erie shops, and in 1892 was made a machinist here, a capacity in which he continued from that year until 1909, when, feeling that he had earned

a rest, he retired from active pursuits. Always thrifty and industrious, Mr. Bechtol showed excellent judgment in making investments, with the result that today he is a holder of city realty, having a number of valuable properties in addition to his comfortable home on East Franklin street. During his long residence in the city he has formed a wide acquaintance, in which he has a number of warm and appreciative friends, who esteem him for his many sterling qualities and for his genial and courteous manner. In politics he takes an independent stand, preferring to use his own judgment in selecting candidates to voting blindly for those chosen by party. He has never held nor desired office. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is a consistent attendant of the First church of that denomination in Huntington. Mr. Bechtol is a popular member of Lafontaine Lodge No. 42, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In March, 1865, Mr. Bechtol was married to Mrs. Mary E. Anderson, widow of George Anderson. She had three children by her former husband. Mrs. Bechtol died in May, 1909, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Bechtol had one son: Charles O., a graduate of the Huntington high school and of the State University medical department, finishing his medical term in Chicago University. He is now one of the leading surgeons of Marion, Indiana. Charles O. Bechtol married Nancy Martin of Monmouth, Illinois, and they have one son, Charles O., Jr.

Rollin Hollowell, who has been engaged in farming in Polk township since reaching man's estate, and is now the owner of a fine property of 200 acres located in sections 10 and 15, four miles south and one-half mile west of Andrews, and known as Homewood Farm, is one of the enterprising and energetic agriculturists of this section of Huntington county. He was born in Polk township, November 16, 1871, and is a son of Lindsey N. and Angeline (Bailey) Hollowell.

Nathan Hollowell, the grandfather of Rollin Hollowell, was an early settler of Huntington county, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Miss Wright, and they became the parents of four children: Lindsey, Mary E., Anna and Thomas. Lindsey Hollowell was born in Jefferson township, Huntington county, where he early engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was thus engaged until enlisting in the Union army at the age of eighteen years for service during the Civil war. Becoming a member of the 153rd Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, he served fifteen months in the ranks of the Blue and at the close of the struggle received his honorable discharge after a brave and faithful service. His life, no doubt, was shortened by his military experiences, for he died in 1879. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was well known in his day and locality. Mrs. Hollowell died March 29, 1914. She was the mother of two children: Dessie L., a graduate of the common schools of Polk township and the Monument City High school, and now the wife of Albert Weeks and a resident of Florida.

Rollin Hollowell was reared in Polk township, where he attended the district schools until reaching the age of fourteen years. It was necessary that he become self-supporting at an early age, as his father had died when he was but eight years old, and he accordingly began to seek employment of the farmers of his locality. After his marriage he engaged in teaming and also rented land for five years, and then invested his earnings in a tract of eighty acres of land, which was almost entirely a swamp. Through long and tedious hours of labor, he succeeded in draining and ditching this property, which has since been developed into one of the most fertile and productive farms of the township, and to it he has added from time to time until he is now the owner of 200 acres. All of this has been accumulated through the force of his own industry, and he may well take a reasonable degree of pride in what he has accomplished. His life has been one of activity and industry and he has always been noted for his good management.

On December 19, 1891, Mr. Hollowell was married to Miss Laura Ruggles, who was born, reared and educated in Wayne township, Huntington county, daughter of Moses Ruggles. Nine children have been born to this union: Georgia, a graduate of the township schools, and now a teacher of music, for which she has decided talent; Laverne, attending the Monument City High school; Anna, also in high school; Everett Buhr, who is his father's partner in operating the home farm; and L. Dahr, Dessie, Doris, Thomas B. and Herbert L., who are attending school. In political matters a republican, Mr. Hollowell has taken an active interest in local and county affairs, although he has never sought public office. He has ever shown himself a worthy representative of the family name, which has been known in Huntington township since the arrival of Mr. Hollowell's great-grandfather, Thomas Hollowell, about the year 1833.

Albert Fullhart. Among the prominent citizens of Huntington county, Indiana, there are few who have been more closely connected with, or more deeply interested in everything pertaining to its advancement and welfare, than has Albert Fullhart, a life long resident of this vicinity. At this time he is he owner of Coldspring Farm, a valuable tract of 100 acres, located in section 16, Polk township, four and one-half miles south and one and one-half miles west of Andrews. His life has been devoted to pursuits of an agricultural nature and his success has been gained through earnest and honest effort, directed by good judgment and able management. Mr. Fullhart was born in Jefferson township, Huntington county, Indiana, August 15, 1859, and is a son of Henry and Miranda (Carpenter) Fullhart.

Mr. Fullhart began life under anything but favorable circumstances, for when he was but nine years of age his parents died, and while other lads of his age were enjoying themselves with youthful pastimes or were improving their minds as students in the district schools, he was compelled to work in order to make his own way in the world. However, he made the most of such educational advantages as came

his way, and grew up an ambitious and energetic youth, although by the time he reached his majority he was still without resources. He was married to Miss Louise Wintrode, who died leaving one son: Frank D., who married a Miss Needham and is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Polk township. Mr. Fullhart was married the second time to Fannie McKeever, who was born in Andrews, Indiana, July 17, 1868, daughter of Frank and Sarah (Yantis) McKeever, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Fullhart was educated in the public schools and is a lady of culture and social graces. She and Mr. Fullhart have had two children: Samuel R., a graduate of the public schools, married Lefa Poe, and lives in Wabash, Indiana; and Russell, also a graduate of the public schools, resides with his parents and is his father's assistant in the work of the farm. After his marriage, Mr. Fullhart settled down to agricultural pursuits in Polk township, and here he has developed a handsome and well-cultivated property, which he has named Coldspring Farm. Here he has buildings of modern architecture and substantial construction, fitted with every convenience and comfort. He uses modern methods and machinery in his work and in every way is showing himself a capable and efficient agriculturist. Mr. Fullhart is widely known and highly respected by his acquaintances as a man of sterling character, honest and honorable in all his dealings with his fellow-men. By his energy, perseverance and excellent management he has advanced himself from a penniless orphan boy to a man of substance and influence. Mr. and Mrs. Fullhart are members of the Mount Hope Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they take a helpful interest. Politically a republican, Mr. Fullhart has not been active in public matters except as they have affected the welfare of his immediate community.

Herbert S. Satterthwaite. One of the model properties of Huntington county, which illustrates what may be accomplished on a country place through modern methods and intelligent operations, is the Echo Lodge Farm, a beautiful tract of 225 acres, located in sections 3 and 9, Polk township. This property is owned by Herbert S. Satterthwaite, one of the most progressive of his community's agriculturists, who has combined practical cultivation of the soil with a love for attractive surroundings. Mr. Satterthwaite has been a lifelong resident of Polk township, having been born on a farm south of the Salamonie river, January 4, 1877, a son of H. W. and Margaret (Weller) Satterthwaite. There were twelve children in the family, of whom seven are living: Laura, who is the wife of David Thomas, of Huntington; Beatrice, the wife of James Thorn, a farmer of Wayne township; Fannie, the widow of Thomas Hart, and now a resident of New Mexico; Hiram U., engaged in farming in Polk township; Frank, who carries on agricultural pursuits in Dallas township, this county; Mollie, who lives in Huntington, Indiana; and Herbert S.

Herbert S. Satterthwaite was reared on the old homestead farm in the southern part of Polk township, and as a lad divided his time

between the district schools, which he attended during the winter terms, and the home farm, where he assisted his father and brothers during the summer months. Later his education was completed in the Monument City High school. He remained under the parental roof until he was eighteen years of age, and when nineteen was married and began operations on his own account. He has been engaged in general farming operations ever since that time, and his progressive, energetic and intelligent labor has resulted in the development of one of the finest farms in the township. In 1913 he erected a two-story bungalow, 32½x44 feet, modern in construction, with every convenience, including electric lights, furnished by an electric light plant operated by a gasoline engine, and hot and cold water in all parts of the house. The other buildings on the property are proportionately attractive and commodious, and everything about Echo Lodge Farm indicates the presence of thrift and good management. Mr. Satterthwaite has built up a substantial reputation for integrity and honorable dealing in business affairs, and as a citizen is always foremost in assisting movements calculated to benefit his community. For years he was affiliated with the republican party, but in 1912 was one of the stanch supporters of the new progressive movement. His fraternal connection is with Huntington Lodge No. 93, Knights of Pythias, at Huntington.

Mr. Satterthwaite was married in 1896 to Miss Ica Duffey, daughter of Amos and Milla Duffy, of Polk township, and a graduate of the Monument City High school. Two children have been born to this union, namely: Thelma L., who is a student in the Andrews High school; and Myrneth V., who is attending the grammar schools. The family is widely known in Polk township, and its members have numerous friends.

Albert C. Hahn. No richer or more productive land in Indiana can be found than that embraced in the agricultural districts of Huntington county, and a fine farm of ninety acres, in section 2, Polk township, three miles south and one mile east of Andrews, and known as Elmwood Stock Farm, gives illustration of the thrift and energy which has characterized the life of its owner, Albert C. Hahn. Mr. Hahn was born on his father's farm in Dallas township, Huntington county, Indiana, August 18, 1868, and is a son of Christian and Sarka Hahn, the latter of whom died about 1870. Both parents were born in Germany, from which country the father came to the United States at the age of thirteen years, locating in Lucas county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and was married. About 1865 the parents came to Dallas township, and here the mother died some years later, the father subsequently being married a second time. He had five children by his first marriage, and four by the second, and Albert C. is the youngest of the first union.

Mr. Hahn's boyhood experiences were much the same as those of other farmers' sons of his day and community, four months of each winter being passed in study in the little district school, while the re-

mainder of the year was devoted to the tasks of the home farm. He was about twenty years of age when he left the homestead to face the world on his own account, and about two years later, February 7, 1890, was married to Miss Susan C. Lahr, who was born on an adjoining farm to the one on which they now reside, August 16, 1868. Her parents, Jacob and Catherine (Sperb) Lahr, were born in Germany, the former coming to the United States at the age of fifteen years and the latter when twenty-one, and both locating in Indiana where they met and were married. Mr. and Mrs. Lahr were widely known in Polk township, where the father died June 5, 1901, and the mother in 1904, and were the parents of nine children. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hahn: George W., born October 17, 1894, a graduate of the common schools and of the class of 1912 at the Andrews High school, and now a student in the state normal school, studying for his Bachelor of Arts degree; and Ernest A., born December 14, 1900, attending the public schools of Polk township.

Mr. Hahn has labored faithfully and industriously and his present handsome property has been gained through the medium of his earnest endeavors, ably seconded by those of his wife. Elmwood Stock Farm is a well-cultivated and valuable tract of ninety acres, located three miles south and one mile east of Andrews, and five miles south and two miles west of Huntington. It has been equipped with modern buildings, improvements and appliances, is fertile and productive, and admirably suited to the raising of livestock. Mr. Hahn has ever been regarded as one of his township's useful and public-spirited men, and as a business man whose record for strict integrity remains unblemished. He belongs to the German Evangelical church of Dallas township, while his wife and son George W. belong to the Christian church at Andrews. Fraternally, Mr. Hahn is a member of Golden Rule Lodge No. 308, Knights of Pythias, belongs to the Grand Lodge, and also holds membership in the Uniform Rank No. 16, at Huntington. Mrs. Hahn is also favorably known in fraternal circles, being a member of Olive Branch Temple, Pythian Sisters, at Andrews, of which she is past chief, and of the Grand Lodge. In politics a democrat, Mr. Hahn has served as a delegate to various conventions of his party and on several occasions has been a member of the election board. He is wide-awake and progressive, and he and his family have a wide circle of friends to whom the hospitality of their own pleasant home is freely and graciously accorded.

William O. Zintsmaster. It would be difficult to find a better illustration of self-made success than that exemplified in the career of William O. Zintsmaster, of Polk township. Dependent upon his own resources since the age of fourteen years, he has worked his way upward by indomitable courage and unfailing perseverance to a position among the substantial farmers of his community, and for this reason is eminently entitled to mention in a history of the representative men of Huntington county. Mr. Zintsmaster was born in Stark county, Ohio,

November 13, 1858, and is a son of John Zintsmaster, who enlisted during the Civil war in the Seventy-fifth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until his death. He had formerly purchased a farm in Polk township, from Doctor Depew, and this has continued to remain in the Zintsmaster name to the present time, now being the home of our subject. It contains sixty acres.

The only survivor of his parents' six children, William O. Zintsmaster has spent his entire career in Polk township. He was but a lad when his father died, and his early education was neglected, as his mother married again, and the lad was left to shift for himself. When he was fourteen years of age he took up the burden of self support, bravely accepting whatever honorable employment presented itself, but his wages were meagre and he was able to save almost nothing. Accordingly, he arrived at man's estate without capital save his willing hands and a stout heart. Through hard and persistent labor, he finally managed to accumulate enough money to invest in thirty acres of land, a part of the property formerly owned by his father, and when this had been put under a good state of cultivation, he added thirty acres more to it, this having since been developed into a valuable farm. Pleasant Home Farm, as it is known, is located in section 3, Polk township, three miles south and three-quarters of a mile west of Andrews. It is rich, fertile soil, and under Mr. Zintsmaster's capable management and intelligent treatment yields large crops annually. He favors modern methods and keeps fully abreast of the developments constantly being made in agricultural work, and has the reputation of being a practical and progressive farmer. Those who have had dealings with him account him a man of integrity and business honor, and as a loyal friend he is popular with a wide circle of Polk township's best people.

Mr. Zintsmaster was married in 1879 to Miss Louanna Benson, who was born in Kansas, daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Russon) Benson. When she was fourteen years of age she was brought to Polk township, and here her education was completed in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Zintsmaster have had three children, namely: Roy, who is single and is engaged in assisting his father in the cultivation of the home farm; Iva, who is the wife of Russell Collins, a farmer of Lagro township, Wabash county; and Alonzo, single, who lives in Wabash county. Mr. and Mrs. Zintsmaster are consistent members of the Christian church at Andrews, in which he has served for several years as a deacon. For a long period he was a supporter of the principles of the Republican party, but in 1912 his own spirit of progress led him to cast his ballot with the new progressive party. His life has been characterized by a strict adherence to duty and his standing in his community is accordingly high.

Jacob D. Hahn. Jacob D. Hahn is connected with the development of the resources that nature has provided in this section of the state, being well known as a representative of the agricultural interests of Huntington county. A native son of this county, he has spent his

entire career within its borders, and from modest beginnings has worked his way to a position of independence and affluence, being the owner of 140 acres of fine land, located three miles south and one mile east of Andrews, in Polk township. Mr. Hahn was born on a farm in Dallas township, Huntington county, Indiana, November 24, 1866, and is a son of Christian and Sarah (Christman) Hahn.

Christian Hahn was born in Germany, but was brought to the United States as a lad of five years, the family settling in Lucas county, Ohio, where Mr. Hahn met and married Sarah Christman, who had been born in that county. In 1865, Mr. and Mrs. Hahn came to Indiana and located in Dallas township, Huntington county, where Mr. Hahn engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which he still successfully continues. His first wife died in this township, having been the mother of five children, and Mr. Hahn was again married, there being four children by the second union. Four of the five children of Christian and Sarah Hahn still survive, namely: Kephas, who is a resident of Michigan; Sarah A., living at Fort Wayne, Indiana, the widow of John Case; Jacob D., and Albert C., who reside in Polk township.

Jacob D. Hahn was brought up a farmer's boy on the homestead place in Dallas township, and after attending the district school for some time became a student in the German school, where he continued his studies until his confirmation. He remained under the parental roof until reaching the age of twenty years, at which time he faced the world on his own account, and for one and one-half years worked as a farm hand by the month. On March 24, 1889, Mr. Hahn was united in marriage with Miss Barbara A. Lahr, of Union township, daughter of Peter Lahr, and after their marriage they began housekeeping on a tract of rented land. Mr. Hahn was industrious and energetic, carefully saved his earnings, with the assistance of his faithful wife, and soon found himself in possession of means enough to secure forty acres of land. This formed the nucleus for his present magnificent property, for four years later he doubled his holdings by a purchase of forty acres additional, later added another forty, and in 1908 secured his final twenty acres from the Clingle farm. He now has 140 acres of as fine land as may be found in Huntington county, and it has all been acquired through his own efforts. He has engaged extensively in general farming, his land being admirably adapted to clover and corn, and also raises large numbers of hogs annually, which find a ready market and top-notch prices in the large cities. He has worked in a practical way, being a man of action rather than theory, but has ever been ready to give a trial to new and progressive methods and to adopt them if results were satisfactory. In the county of his birth, where his entire life has been passed, the circle of his friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintance, a fact indicative of a well spent and honorable life.

Mr. Hahn is a democrat in his political views, but has found no time for public matters. He is a trustee of Pilcher Chapel of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which both he and his wife are members. They

have been the parents of three children: Sarah V., a graduate of the common schools, and now the wife of Herman Schengle; Ervin E., a graduate of the common schools and now assisting his father in the work of the homestead place; and Celia A., who is thirteen years of age and still attending the Polk township schools.

JOHN O. REDDING. In writing of the prominent and prosperous farming men of Rock Creek township it would be highly inconsistent to omit some mention of John O. Redding, one of the leading citizens of the township, and a man who has accomplished a generous measure of agricultural success in the community, as well as establishing himself firmly among his fellows as a result of his substantial and altogether worthy character. As proprietor and owner of the Old Redding Farm, as it is widely known, he has ably carried on the activities begun by his father a good many years ago in the township, and he has added some thing to the place since he came into ownership, as a result of his industry and good management.

Born in Wells county, Indiana, on August 3, 1866, John Oliver Redding is the son of T. W. and Clara (Walker) Redding, both of them natives of North Carolina, there reared and educated. After their marriage they settled in Rock Creek township, this county, and here spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom seven are now living. James Redding is a resident of Tennessee. Jane is the wife of Lewis Seigman of this township. R. W. Redding is also a resident in Rock Creek township. Wesley A. is likewise resident here. Mary is the wife of R. E. Johnson, of Jennings county, Indiana. Alice is the wife of Wade Hampton, of Duncan, Oklahoma. John O. is the seventh living child of the family.

John O. Redding was reared on the home farm in this township, the same place being now his home and his property. Such education as he had was gained in the district schools and was secured during the winter months of his boyhood up to the age of nineteen years. He stayed at home as his father's assistant and helper on the farm until he was twenty-five, and at that age all that he owned in the world was a horse and buggy, for his labor had been given at the home place and his board and keep was all he derived from his industry, barring the acquisition of the horse and buggy mentioned. This, however, he regarded as no hardship, but rather as a debt he owed his parents, and when he married at the age of twenty-five he started life without any possessions, one might say. He chose for his wife the daughter of William and Melissa J. (Thompson) Sheets, prosperous farming people of the community, and Mary A. Sheets proved herself a helpmate of the highest type. They were married March 11, 1892, and soon after he rented a forty-acre place, which he operated for some time and then moved to the old John Redding farm in Huntington county. The Old Redding Farm is a place of eighty acres, ten miles west of Bluffton, and five miles south of Markle. It has long been known for one of the fertile and highly productive spots of the county, and when John Redding

came into its possession he was well acquainted by previous contact with its needs and its possibilities, so that he has lost nothing in time and money in experimenting with it. Other lands have come into Mr. Redding's possession as a result of his energy and industry, and he is today among the well-to-do men of the community, owning 100 acres. High grade stock has always been a hobby with the proprietor of this place, and the standard he has maintained in that branch of his activities is kept up to the top-notch in all his farming activities.

To Mr. and Mrs. Redding three children have been born. Josie, the eldest, is a graduate of the Rock Creek Centre high school; Edna is now a student in the same school, and Eldon, born in 1902, attends the common schools of the community.

The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Rockford, and Mr. Redding is a trustee of the church, and with his wife has a reasonable share in the activities of the various departments of the organization. Mr. Redding is a member of Markle Lodge, No. 23, Knights of Pythias, and of the Red Men, Lodge No. 226. In the latter order he has been through all chairs. He is a Republican in his political activities, and is a man who has lived well up to the highest standards of citizenship recognized within the borders of the county. With him Progress has long been a watchword, and his opinion is held invaluable by his agricultural associates.

Daniel Miller. The well kept and productive farm of Daniel Miller lies in a fertile tract of Rock township, five miles distant from Markle, ten miles from Bluffton and eight miles from Warren, so that his place is especially advantageously located, and affords many opportunities to him and his family that many other farming people are of necessity denied. Mr. Miller has been a resident of Huntington county since 1883, when he came here from his native state, Pennsylvania, and he has arisen from the position of a farm hand to an employer of similar help, as the owner of a place of his own in the community where he had his substantial start in life.

Mr. Miller is a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, born there on October 3, 1861, and he is a son of Jonathan and Mary (Kessler) Miller, both born in the same county and state, and there they passed their lives. Both are now deceased. They were the parents of eight children, Daniel Miller of this review being the fifth born in the family. He was reared on the Berk county farm of his parents, there attending the district schools and spending his summers in hard work on the home place. He continued at home until he reached the age of twenty-two, when he began to work for others, and soon after he came to Indiana, locating almost immediately in Rock Creek, Huntington county, where he entered the service of John Dill, a prosperous farmer of the community in that day. Four years the young man spent as the assistant of Mr. Dill, and in 1886 he married the daughter of his employer. She was Mary C. Dill, born and reared in this vicinity, and she died in 1907.

After his marriage, Mr. Miller purchased his present farm, and here

has since lived in prosperous content, busy with his farming and other interests, and taking his place among the representative men of the community.

Mr. Miller is a member of the Emanuel Reformed church in Wells county, Indiana, having been affiliated with that denominatioon as an active member since he was a lad of fourteen years. He is a member of the Red Men at Rockford, Indiana, and of the order of Moose. Politically he is a Republican, and he has been an active factor in local politics for a good many years.

In 1910 Mr. Miller married Verna Allen, of Markle, Indiana, a daughter of Levi Allen, an old time resident of that community. Mrs. Miller is a member of the Christian church, and a woman of many virtues, highly esteemed in her community and possessing a wide circle of friends throughout the town and county.

Martin E. Leavell. The eighty acre farm of Martin E. Leavell in section 23 of Rock Creek township lies three and a half miles southwest of Markle, Indiana, and being thus advantageously situated affords to him and his family many facilities that residence on a more remotely located farm must of necessity deny to them. The Leavells are among the prosperous and highly regarded people of their community, and they added in generous measure to the general high standing of the township where they have had a continued residence of thirty-three years.

Martin Elmer Leavell was born in Delaware county, Indiana, on September 5, 1872, and he is a son of James and Laura (Worley) Leavell. The mother died when their son was a small boy and the father died in Delaware county in about 1897. He was a native son of Randolph county, Indiana, and the mother was likewise of Indiana birth. Young Leavell came as a boy of eight years, after the death of his parents, to Huntington county, and was reared on the farm of his uncle, F. M. Leavell. He attended the district schools of Rock Creek township, with one term at Danville, Indiana, and when he was eighteen he began farming in association with his uncle. He remained on the Leavell farm until he married, December 24, 1898. He owned the same section where he now lives. General farming occupies his attention with some stock raising as a side line, and he is generally regarded as a prosperous and successful farmer, as he indeed is.

Mr. Leavell married Julia Sheets, the daughter of Frederick and Maria (Shively) Sheets of Huntington county, where she was born and reared. To them have been born three children. Two are living at this writing—Frederick J., born August 29, 1902, and Ruth I., born April 17, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Leavell are members of the Christian church at Buckeye, Indiana, and are active in the various departments of that church body. Mr. Leavell has served as an elder in the church, and his wife has likewise identified herself with numerous worthy activities in connection with her membership. Mr. Leavell was formerly a Republican, but on the organization of the progressive party he joined their ranks.

Though never a politician he is a man of ideas and gives a reasonable attention to matters of that nature. In his citizenship he has always set a good example to his fellow citizens and takes his place among the reliable, progressive and thinking men of his community. A quiet man, he yet wields a worthy influence wherever he is found, and he is known among the honorable and upright men of the town and county, wherein he has been known favorably from early boyhood to the present time.

Nelson Sharp. Among those people who have undeniably aided in forming the social atmosphere of Rock Creek township and who have added their full quota to the general well being of the community may very properly be mentinoned Nelson Sharp and his wife. They have long held leading places in the esteem of the fellow citizens, and it is fitting and proper that mention be made of them in a work of the nature of this publication.

Nelson Sharp was born in Peru, Indiana, on September 9, 1857, and is a son of Henry and Sarah (Kinsey) Sharp. The father came from Pennsylvania and the mother from Ohio, and they settled in Miami county in their young married life. Of the seven children born to them four are yet living. They are Joel of Peru, Indiana; Mayme, the wife of David Mann, of Peru; Ben, a resident of Lancaster township; and Nelson Sharp, of this review.

Nelson Sharp was fifteen years old when he came to Huntington county and settled in Rock Creek township with his mother. He had but little education, for he was early compelled to help with the support of the family. as his father lost his life as a soldier in the Civil war.

In the fall of 1879 Nelson Sharp married Eliza McClurg, a sister of J. W. McClurg. She was born in Rock Creek township on March 11, 1849, and is a daughter of John and Nellie (Randol) McClurg. The father was a Pennsylvanian by birth, who came to Ohio and there married his wife, coming to Rock Creek township in 1848, where they spent the rest of their lives. Mrs. Sharp had her education in the township schools, the best the community afforded in her day. Three children were born to them, but none are living now.

Mrs. Sharp is a faithful member of the Christian church of Plum Tree, and she is fraternally associated with the Star of Hope Lodge No. 464, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Toledo Encampment, No. 239. He is Past Chief Patriarch of the order, and a member of the grand lodge. Mrs. Sharp is a member of Browns Corners Lodge, No. 348 of the Rebekahs, and is a Past Grand in the order.

Mr. Sharp has been a Republican in his political faith, but in the campaign of 1912 has cast his vote with the newly organized progressive party. He takes a lively interest in the political activities of the community, though he has never been a seeker after office at any time. He is well content to devote himself to the tilling of his sixty acre farm, and finds ample employment in the task.

G. W. McLin M.D.

Wm Forest McLin.

GEORGE H. MCLIN, M. D. A graduate in medicine forty-five years ago. Dr. McLin has been in continuous practice in Huntington since 1880. Well known to the medical profession, a man of unusual experience, world traveled, he has also been successful in business affairs, and is one of the prominent men of Huntington county.

George H. McLin was born in the city of Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 4, 1843, the oldest son of Jacob and Adelia (Gage) McLin. His father was one of the pioneer settlers in Kalamazoo, locating there in 1829, when there was no city and when the development of Kalamazoo county had barely begun. He was one of the early farmers, and was identified with the promotion of several local industries which contributed to the founding and development of Kalamazoo as a business center. Dr. McLin's grandfather was Thomas McLin, who was born in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, and from there moved to Michigan. His father, John McLin, during early life was a sea captain, and was a friend of Andrew Jackson and other noted Tennesseeans. Grandfather Thomas McLin married Hannah Jackson, a niece of Andrew Jackson, and her father was a Quaker preacher. Jacob McLin, who had long been prominent at Kalamazoo and was several times honored with official positions, died in Huntington January 14, 1909, and his wife passed away eleven days later.

Dr. George H. McLin grew up in Kalamazoo, attended the local schools, and later began the reading of medicine with Dr. Lyon, now deceased, subsequently with Dr. Longbottom of Kalamazoo, and then with Dr. Weyburn of Kalamazoo. In order to complete his medical studies he entered the Cleveland Medical College, where he was graduated M. D. in 1867. Few members of the profession have spent so much time in the great centers of medical learning. Dr. McLin was for three years a student in Europe, principally at Edinburgh, London and Paris. He is a graduate of four American colleges, having degrees from the Occidental College in Cleveland; the Hahnemann College of Philadelphia, also under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania; the Jefferson College of Philadelphia, with experience at Blockley Hospital of that city; and also the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Philadelphia.

His practice as a physician began at Buchanan, Michigan, and he left that community in 1878, practicing in Detroit for a short time. Owing to ill health he was retired from his profession about two years, and in 1880 located at Huntington, Indiana. Dr. McLin has enjoyed a large general practice, but has not depended entirely upon his practice for his material success. He possesses an inventive mind, has done much experimental work in his laboratory, and has compounded medicines which are practical and valuable contributions to the pharmacopœia. A few years ago he originated a popular drink called Kolatona, and this has a large sale. He also prepares an antiseptic, known as McLin's New Antiseptic, and formerly called the Oil Radium, a preparation which is very generally used by both the profession and the laity. Among other interests Dr. McLin is the owner of some seven hundred acres of land in Benzie county of northern Michigan. He has spent a good deal of time in devel-

oping and cultivation of this place, where he makes a specialty in the raising of potatoes, beans and fruit, and has a splendid new orchard started. Dr. McLin is also the originator of the pepsin oatmeal, an especially palatable breakfast food, the first on the market.

Dr. McLin has traveled extensively, and while in Edinburgh, Scotland, took his degrees as a Mason in Kilwinning Lodge No. 2 of St. Johns. He is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has been married three times. His two living children are Evangeline, wife of William Christman, of Wabash, Indiana; and DeForest, a student at Winona Academy. He also has a granddaughter, Mrs. Bessie Williams, of New Richmond, Wis., and a grandson, Glenn Bourdon, of Des Moines, Iowa. The present Mrs. McLin before her marriage was Miss Hadassah A. Simons. Dr. McLin is widely known, being a man of unusual social qualities, and with his business interests in different states has a wide acquaintance as well as much prominence in his home locality.

James J. Blair. Among the residents of Huntington county whose abilities have been recognized by election to public office is James J. Blair, who has served as trustee of Salamonie township since 1912. He has spent his entire career in this township, and has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Blair was born in Salamonie township, Huntington county, Indiana, March 1, 1846, and is a son of Thomas and Cynthia (Irwin) Blair. The Blair family is of German-Scotch origin, and was founded in Indiana by the grandparents of Mr. Blair, George and Jane Blair. The Irwins, who originated in Ireland, came to Indiana one year later from North Carolina. Thomas Blair was born in Pennsylvania, and was a lad of fifteen years when he accompanied his parents to Huntington county, the family settling in Salamonie township. He enjoyed the privileges of a good common school education, following which he learned the trade of cabinetmaker, an occupation which he followed until his death. He was a man of versatile talents and much mechanical ability, and also worked as a general carpenter and wheelwright, in addition to spending some time at farming. Thomas and Cynthia Blair were the parents of six children, of whom three survive: Louisa J., the wife of James Robinett, of Allen county, Indiana; George, a resident of Akron, Ohio; and James J.

James J. Blair was reared on his father's homestead place on section 16, Salamonie township, and secured his educational training in the district school of this vicinity. He was but fourteen years of age at the time of his father's death, and he then laid aside his books to devote himself to learning the trade of carpenter, having inherited much of his father's mechanical skill along with his carpenter tools. This vocation he followed for many years, but he has also carried on farming, and at this time has a property of twenty acres in Salamonie township. He is known as an honorable man in his business transactions and faithful to every engagement, so that he holds a high place in the esteem and

confidence of his fellow-citizens. Politically a democrat, in 1912 he became the candidate of his party for the office of township trustee and was duly elected, taking office June 1st of that year. In his official capacity he has shown the same conscientious attention to details and fidelity to duty that have marked his personal activities, and his township has profited greatly thereby. Mr. Blair is a consistent member of the Christian church at Plum Tree and for some time has served as deacon.

On November 12, 1866, Mr. Blair was married to Miss Sallie Hamilton, who was born in Clinton county, Ohio, and came to Rock Creek township, Huntington county, when she was four years of age. Later the family came to Salamonie township and here she received her education in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Blair have two children: Nellie, the widow of Eugene Rittgers; and Leanora, who married A. Melling, of Blackford county, Indiana. Curtis Blair, formerly of Rock Creek township, died February 12, 1911.

William E. Rogers. The farming interests of Union township have no better representative than William E. Rogers, who for about twenty years has been identified with that section of the county, and as a result of these active years spent in a close and methodical industry has a great deal to show in the way of a first-class farm and improvements, as well as the high position as a citizen. A number of years ago Mr. Rogers bought the Michael Young farm, situated four and a half miles northwest of Markle, his place being described in the usual record of land as the west half of eighty acres in the northwest quarter of section 27 in Union township.

William E. Rogers was born in Rock Creek township of Huntington county, Indiana, September 23, 1872, being a son of J. C. and Eliza (Trustler) Rogers. The father, who was also a native of Huntington county, and now resides as a substantial citizen in the town of Warren, is honored as a veteran of the Union army, having served in the Thirty-fourth Indiana Regiment during the war between the states. There were nine children in the family, mentioned briefly as follows: Allie, wife of Charles Sheets; Rosa, wife of William Powell, who lives in Canada; Lucy, wife of Ed Rays, of Denver, Colorado; William E.; Hattie, wife of Frank Morrison, who also lives in Canada; Vonie, wife of Charles Griffith; Gertrude, wife of Harry West of Peoria, Illinois; Frank, of Galveston, Texas; and Elmer, of Montpelier, Indiana.

William E. Rogers was reared in Rock Creek township, and all the memories of his boyhood days center about that locality. His education was acquired in the district schools. Early in his career he spent six years in Arkansas, but with that exception has been identified with Huntington county all his life. In 1893 Mr. Rogers married Miss Martha Bailey, a daughter of George and Nancy (Hersey) Bailey. Her parents were natives of Ohio, and came from that state to Huntington county many years ago. Mrs. Rogers herself is a native of Huntington county, born in the town of Markle in November, 1873. Her youth

was spent in Union township, and most of her education was acquired in district No. 8 in that township. Mr. Rogers and wife have three children: Tennie, a graduate of the Union township high school, and now a popular teacher in that township; Claude, a student of the eighth grade; and Eldon, who is also in public schools. Mrs. Rogers is a member of the Lutheran church at Huntington. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Star of Hope Lodge, No. 464, I. O. O. F., and as to politics he gives his support to the Democratic candidates and principles.

Samuel F. Tribolet. One of the comparatively young men of Huntington county, until recently successfully identified with tile manufacturing in this county, and now a farmer and well known resident of Union township, Samuel F. Tribolet is an Indiana man by birth, and has spent most of the years of his manhood in Huntington county.

He was born in Nottingham township of Wells county, Indiana, December 5, 1877, a son of David and Mary (Sarge) Tribolet. His father was born in Switzerland, was reared and educated there, and when twenty-three years of age imigrated to the United States and located first in Hancock county, Ohio. Two years there were followed by his removal to Bluffton, Indiana, where he met and married Mary Sarg. She was a native of Pennsylvania, and was nine years of age when her family brought her to Wells county, Indiana, locating twelve miles south of Bluffton in Nottingham township. After the marriage of David and Mary Tribolet, they settled in Bluffton, where he followed his trade as blacksmith, and from there moved to Rifetown, where he conducted a shop of his own for some time. Later he moved to the state of Tennessee, where his death occurred in October, 1900. There were eight children, six of whom are yet living, mentioned as follows: John W., a farmer in Huntington township; Rosa, wife of Ben J. Robrock, of Union township; William J. Tribolet of Union township; Samuel F.; Charles E., of Rock Creek township; Clara, wife of Henry Schweff, of Union township.

Samuel F. Tribolet was reared principally in Rifetown, Wells county, and when eight years of age his father moved to Brown's Corners, and his attendance at the country schools continued until he was fifteen years of age. Since that time he has been practically on his own resources, and his first experience in earning a living for himself was as a farm hand. Later he was employed in a tile factory, and with the accumulation of experience finally engaged with his brother, William J., in the tile business in Union township of Huntington county. That was his line of enterprise for ten years, and the firm of Tribolet Brothers did a large business in the manufacturing of brick and drain tile. Mr. Tribolet withdrew from that undertaking in the spring of 1913, and has since devoted all his energies to the work of general farming, being owner of a well improved estate of one hundred and four acres on the Prairie Road, five miles southeast of Huntington.

In November, 1908, Mr. Tribolet married Grace Tumbleson, a daughter of Willard Tumbleson. They are the parents of one child, Velma B., born in March, 1912. Mr. Tribolet affiliates with Toledo Lodge of the

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also has taken the Encampment Degree.

In politics he is a democrat. He is a quiet business man, has led an honorable life, and stands high in the esteem of all his neighbors in Union township.

Robert P. Ross. Included among the successful farmers of Huntington county who have won success solely through their own industry and well-directed efforts is Robert P. Ross, the owner of a handsome and valuable farm situated in Polk township. In addition to carrying on general farming, he raises cattle, sheep and hogs and is also interested in business ventures, being at this time a stockholder in the Andrews State Bank. Mr. Ross was born in Wabash county, Indiana, December 15, 1856, and is a son of William G. Ross.

Nathan O. Ross, the grandfather of Robert P. Ross, was born in Fayette county, Indiana, from whence he came by way of ox-team to Wabash county, Indiana, with his large family, the family at that time being in such modest circumstances that some of the children were without shoes. However, he was a hard-working and thrifty farmer, and in the years that followed he accumulated some 1,200 acres of land, largely in the woods. He also became a pioneer lawyer of Wabash county, and entered prominently into democratic politics, being widely known and highly respected among his fellow-citizens. William G. Ross was born in Fayette county, Indiana, and was a youth when he accompanied his parents to Wabash county, in 1837. Like his father he adopted agricultural pursuits as his vocation in life, and through earnest effort accumulated a competency. He was a republican in politics, and his religious connection was with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was a faithful worker. He became the parent of six children, of whom five are living at this time: Minerva, the wife of Marcus Engleman, who started his career without a dollar and is now the owner of 400 acres of land in Rich Valley, Wabash county; Robert P.; Allen W., who is a respected citizen and substantial farmer of Randolph county, Indiana; Thomas O., a retired farmer of Peru, Indiana; and John E., whose home is at Roann, Wabash county.

Robert P. Ross secured his educational training in the district schools of Wabash county, and as a lad began to assist his father and brothers in clearing the home farm from the green woods. He grew up as a farmer, and early adopted the tilling of the soil for his field of endeavor, an occupation upon which he has continued to concentrate his best energies. On December 25, 1880, Mr. Ross was married to Miss Philena Boblett, who was born in Wabash county, Indiana, and educated in the public schools. She taught one term in the public schools. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross, all of whom are living: Grace, a graduate of the graded and high schools, and now the wife of Jesse White, of Wabash county; M. G., a resident of Wabash county; Thomas, who is engaged in farming in Wabash county; A. J., who is carrying on farming in Canada; Harry, a farmer of Polk township; Fay

M., the wife of Claude Wilson, of Polk township; Edna and Elizabeth, graduates from high school, who are single and reside with their parents; and Truman, who is attending the common schools. The children have all been given good educational advantages and have been well fitted for the positions in life which they may be called upon to fill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. His fraternal connection is with the Knights of the Maccabees, in which he carries a policy of $4,000. He is now a supporter of the policies of the progressive party, although until the campaign of 1912 he was a republican. Mr. Ross has gained success through his own efforts, for during the early part of his career he had little capital and was forced to spend many years as a renter. He came to Polk township in March, 1903, and since that time has accumulated 257 acres of some of the best land to be found in this locality, located six miles south and two miles west of Andrews. He is skilled as an agriculturist, using modern methods, ideas and machinery, and his farm shows the beneficial effects of good management in every department. He has also met with success in his stockraising operations, and each year ships a large number of cattle, sheep and hogs to the markets. In business circles he is known as a man of integrity and straightforward dealing, who may be absolutely relied upon by his associates, and those who have dealings with him. His acquaintance is large throughout this section, and his friends many and sincere.

David M. Prilaman. Huntington county is largely agricultural and the greater number of its prosperous citizens are engaged in the cultivation of the soil. These men form the backbone of their community, and upon them rests the responsibility for the future prosperity or failure of this section. One of the farmers of the county who through intelligent treatment of the soil is not alone gaining a profitable living for himself, but is also insuring the productiveness of his land for years to come, is David M. Prilaman, of Polk township, the owner of 113 acres of land located just across the Salamonie river, south of Monument City. Mr. Prilaman has been an agriculturist all his life and has gained prosperity through hard and persistent toil combined with a thorough knowledge of farms and farming methods. He is a Hoosier by birth, the place of his nativity being Wabash county, and his natal day March 21, 1859.

Christian Prilaman, the father of David M. Prilaman, was born in Ohio, from whence he came shortly after his marriage to Indiana, and first located in Wabash county. There he was engaged in farming until the year 1866, at which time he moved with his family to Huntington county, and here purchased 100 acres of partly developed land in Polk township. A man of steady and industrious habits, he was able to complete the clearing of his property and to make numerous improvements thereon, and when he passed away was known as one of the well-to-do farmers of his township. Both he and his wife were faithful members of the German Baptist church, and were active in its work. Mr. Prilaman was married to Miss Elizabeth Free, also a native of Ohio, and they

became the parents of ten children, of whom six are living at this time: David M., of this review; Joseph, a resident of California; Frances, who became the wife of J. C. Fisher, of Marion, Indiana; Samuel, a resident of Manitoba, Canada; and Mary, who is the wife of Ed Carroll, of Harlansburg, Indiana.

David M. Prilaman was but seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to Huntington county, and in the Polk township district schools he subsequently received his educational training. He grew up on the home farm, assisted his father in its cultivation, and thoroughly familiarized himself with every detail pertaining to its work. At the time of his father's death he inherited a part of the property and purchased the remainder of the original 100 acres from the other heirs, and to this he has since added thirteen acres more. This is one of the really valuable farms of Polk township. Situated on the banks of the Salamonie river, it has rich, fertile soil, which is well drained and produces bumper crops. Mr. Prilaman has devoted the greater part of his attention to farming, but he has also met with success in the line of cattle raising. His reputation is high as a man of stability, reliability and integrity, and his numerous friends testify to his general popularity.

In November, 1883, Mr. Prilaman was married (first) to Miss Ada Bailey, daughter of Thomas Bailey, of Polk township, and she died in 1894, having been the mother of three children, namely: Bessie, a graduate of the common schools and now the wife of Arlin Bodkin; Jesse L., a graduate of the common schools, who married Ethel Campbell; and Guy M., a graduate of the common schools and the Monument City High school, a carpenter residing at Andrews, who married Amelia Bechtol. Mr. Prilaman was married (second) to Mrs. Flora Bradford, who was born Flora Dawson and married (first) Earl Bradford, now deceased, by whom she has one daughter, Ruby, who is twelve years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Prilaman have no children. They were married in June, 1906.

Mr. Prilaman's fraternal connections are with Golden Rule Lodge, No. 308, Knights of Pythias, at Andrews, Indiana. Politically a republican, he has been active in local and county affairs, and has served efficiently as a member of the Polk township advisory board since the passage of the law creating that office. In all the affairs of life he has been faithful to his obligations, and the general regard in which he is held gives evidence of his high standing in the confidence of his fellow-citizens.

W. H. Southwood. Ten miles from Huntington, Indiana, in Polk township, are located the famous Salamonie Valley Stock Farms Nos. 1 and 2, comprising a tract of 233 acres of highly productive farming and pasture land, from which come yearly large shipments of watermelons and muskmelons. The owner of this valuable and well-known property is W. H. Southwood, whose career has been one of steady advancement from humble position and obscurity to substantial success and prominence in the business world. Mr. Southwood is eminently entitled to the proud American title of self-made man, for he has been

the architect of his own fortunes, has labored faithfully and uncomplainingly, and has at length erected a structure that rests firmly on integrity and reliability.

Mr. Southwood has resided in Polk township all of his life, having been born on a farm in this locality, May 19, 1852. He is a son of Joseph and Lydia (Peters) Southwood, natives of Virginia, who came to Huntington county in 1848, and located on a farming property here, residing in this section during the remainder of their lives. They were people of sterling honesty, public-spirited loyalty and kind-hearted sympathy, and were respected and esteemed wherever known. They were in modest financial circumstances, however, and could afford to give their son only an ordinary public school education, although he was carefully reared. Mr. Southwood was an ambitious and industrious lad, and early began to be self-supporting. Even in his youth he did not unquestioningly accept long-established ideas merely because they had been in force for many years, but was always experimenting with new methods and processes, with the result that he often was able to distance his fellows who kept along in the same old rut. Gradually he became a land owner and began to make experiments in specializing along various lines. Finally he found that Polk township soil, properly cultivated, was capable of producing an excellent quality of watermelons, and his operations increased and his product came into demand because of its quality and size. He gained the sobriquet of "The Watermelon Raiser." His principal varieties are the "Monte Cristo" and "Tom Watson." In addition he yearly grows a large crop of muskmelons, his varieties being the "Buckbee Ideal" and "Perfection Yellow." In the management of his affairs Mr. Southwood has shown himself a capable, far-seeing business man, who has the courage of his convictions, and whose judgment is almost invariably correct. His reputation for stalwart integrity has been built up through years of honorable and straightforward dealing, and few men are held in greater confidence by those who have associated with him.

Mr. Southwood was married to Miss Martha J. Eads, who was born in Polk township, daughter of William B. Eads of this locality. Four children have been born to this union, of whom two are living at this time: Robert R., who is married and a successful farmer of Polk township; and Ollie R., who is the wife of Rev. Ora Oxley, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal faith. Mr. and Mrs. Southwood are consistent members of the Church of the Brethren and have been liberal supporters of its movements. Politically a republican, Mr. Southwood has not sought office, although he is stanch in his support of his party's candidates and principles and takes a keen and intelligent interest in public affairs that affect the welfare of his community. Essentially a farmer and business man, he has devoted almost his entire attention to the cultivation of his fields, content to be just what he is, an unassuming citizen, representative of the best type of Huntington county citizenship.

CARL A. VITZ. Six miles out from the city of Huntington, southeast on the prairie road, is located the pleasant homestead of Carl A. Vitz. Mr. Vitz has a delightful home, a fine farm of seventy-seven and a half acres, and his own industry, combined with the good judgment and thrifty management of his wife, has brought about a degree of prosperity that places him among the substantial citizens, and the name is spoken only with respect and esteem in that section of Huntington county. His position in the community can best be judged by the fact that his fellow citizens have honored him with election to the office of trustee of Union township, and in that capacity he is giving a most excellent administration of the important responsibilities entrusted by law to the township trustees in Indiana. Mr. Vitz is a thorough believer in the principle of public education, uses all his efforts and influence to extend the beneficent activities of the local schools, and has proved, in the judgment of the majority of his fellow citizens, just the man to fill the administrative office of which he is incumbent.

Carl A. Vitz was born in the city of Huntington April 25, 1864, a son of Rev. Peter and Anna M. (Jacob) Vitz. Peter Vitz was born in Germany in October, 1825, was educated in Heidelberg University, and in 1853 came to America. For a number of years he was a minister of the German Reform church and his death occurred in the city of Huntington.

There was a family of ten children, mentioned as follows: John F., a farmer in Union township; Rev. Martin, now an instructor in the Mission House at Sheboygan; J. Otto, a minister at Louisville, Kentucky; Henry W., a minister at Indianapolis; Carl A.; Martha M., wife of Rev. P. S. Kohler, of Sutton, Nebraska; Emma M., wife of Rev. H. B. Robrock, of St. Louis, Missouri; Rev. O. P. Vitz, of Rising Sun, Indiana; Anna L., wife of Ernest Eberhart, of Indianapolis; Rev. Nathan E. Vitz of Defiance, Ohio.

Carl A. Vitz was reared in Huntington until he was six years of age, and the ministerial duties of his father made it necessary for the home to be transferred from place to place, and at these various places of residence he received his education in the local schools. In 1882 Mr. Vitz returned to Huntington, and three years later in 1885 married Miss Anna M. Fowerbaugh. She was born in Huntington county in October, 1865, a daughter of William Fowerbaugh, a pioneer of this county. Her education was acquired in the parochial schools of Huntington. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Vitz located in Union township, where they have lived for upwards of thirty years. They are the parents of three children, namely: Peter W., a graduate of the Union Township high school, and of the State Normal, and now superintendent of the Union Township high school; Edward M., a graduate of the Union Township school, who is a progressive young farmer; Meta M., a graduate of the high school and a teacher in Union township. The family are all active members of the German Reformed church at Huntington, and the son, Edward M., is one of the deacons in that church. In politics Mr. Vitz has long been one of the leaders in local Democracy, and was elected on the Democratic ticket to his present office.

James M. Stuart. Huntington county is noted for its fine farmsteads, and in Union township one of the best of these is the Black Locust Stock Farm, situated seven and a half miles southeast of Huntington, and two and a half miles northwest of Markle, on the Markle Gravel Road. This is the home of James M. Stuart. Its industry is cattle raising. Mr. Stuart has spent money, patience and labor in laying the foundation of a splendid herd of Holstein cattle. The farm comprises two hundred acres of land, and its acre valuation is set at a high figure, which in itself is evidence of a fine state of improvement. By many years of hard work and able management Mr. Stuart has fitted himself into the industrial and civic life of Huntington county, as one of the successful men.

James M. Stuart was born in the city of Huntington October 8, 1860, a son of Joseph and Louisiana (Smith) Stuart. His grandfather was James M. Stuart, who was born in Scotland and came to the United States, locating in Camden, Ohio. By trade he was a bell maker and blacksmith. Somewhat later he was married in Preble county, Ohio, and then came to Huntington county in 1837. He was one of the very early settlers in the vicinity of Bellville, in Jefferson township. His death occurred at Bellville one year after his settlement. His widow then continued her home there, and reared her family of small children. It was at Bellville that Joseph Stuart grew up, and with a taste and inclination for mechanical work he was chiefly identified with milling during his career. In partnership with James Taylor, he built at Bellville about 1848 a mill which they conducted as partners for a number of years. The partners also constructed the grist mill which is now operated by R. A. Brown, and conducted that enterprise until 1862. In that year Mr. Taylor died and Mr. Stuart then moved to Cass county, Indiana, where he was identified with the milling industry until 1878. Transferring his home and interests to Miami county, he built a mill at Peoria, and was a miller there for five years. Finally returning to the old home at Bellville he bought the mill which he had assisted in establishing many years before, and continued its operation and had his home in that locality until his death. Outside of his immediate business, he participated little in public affairs, but was a devout member of the Christian church. Of his eight children, six are now living, as follows: Martha, wife of Conrad Hummell; James M.; William W., a minister of the Christian church; Ida, wife of Eli Kellar; Maude, wife of Isaac Zent; Frank, of Warren, Indiana.

James M. Stuart was an infant when the family moved to Cass county, and it was in the common schools of that county that he received his education so far as books were concerned. Under his father he learned the trade of miller, and worked along that line until he concentrated all his time and attention on farming and stock raising. On January 9, 1887, Mr. Stuart married Mary H. Harvey. She was born in Rush county, Indiana, and had an education in the common schools. They are the parents of six children, as follows: Joseph Stuart; Charles; Lewis; Harvey, who is a graduate of the Markle high schools;

Floyd; and Merle. One child died in infancy. The family have active membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Markle, of which Mr. Stuart is one of the trustees. Fraternally he affiliates with the Markle Lodge, No. 423, of the Knights of Pythias. In politics he is a Democrat.

JACOB VOLLMAR. When in the fall of 1910 the citizens of the second district of Huntington county elected Jacob Vollmar as a member of the county board of commissioners, their choice fell upon a man whose long and prosperous identification with the county and whose success in private affairs thoroughly entitled him to the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens, and his work in the important office of commissioner has more than justified their choice. Mr. Vollmar came to his present office fully qualified to handle its affairs, and has brought to his work the business sagacity so necessary in directing the fiscal matters of a prosperous, growing community.

Jacob Vollmar was born on a farm in section four in Dallas township, of Huntington county, October 1, 1864. His parents were Peter and Wilhelmina (Felton) Vollmar. Both parents were born and reared and educated in Germany and each came to the United States with his and her respective parents. The Vollmar family landed in New York March, 1854. The Feltons arrived at New Orleans in April of the same year, came by boat up the Mississippi to St. Louis, later located in Will county, Illinois, where after the death of the father the widowed mother took her children to Huntington county. The Vollmars first located in Starke county, Ohio, and in 1860, settled in Huntington county, where the two young people, Peter and Wilhelmina, first met and were soon afterwards married. To their union were born twelve children, seven boys and five girls, namely: Jacob, Peter, Mary, Minnie, John, Daniel, Carrie, Sarah, Louis, Christian, Elizabeth, and Carl. The last named lives in Michigan, but all the others have their homes in Indiana.

Jacob Vollmar was reared in Dallas township, grew up in the wholesome environment of the country, and until he was fourteen years of age attended the local schools, being trained both in the German and English languages. As a boy he became familiar with the duties of the farm, and early adopted that as his permanent vocation. At the age of twenty-one his father employed him at regular wages, and in that way he lived at home until he was twenty-five.

On August 15, 1889, occurred the marriage of Jacob Vollmar and Stella N. Settlemyre, of Jackson township. She was born and reared in Jackson township, and like her husband had a district schooling. After their marriage they lived on a Jackson township farm for about four years, and then Mr. Vollmar bought his present place of one hundred and twenty acres in sections twenty-five and twenty-six in Union township. There for more than twenty years he has prosperously combined the work of general farming and stock raising, and as a representative of the thrifty and hardy German element in Huntington county has succeeded much above the ordinary.

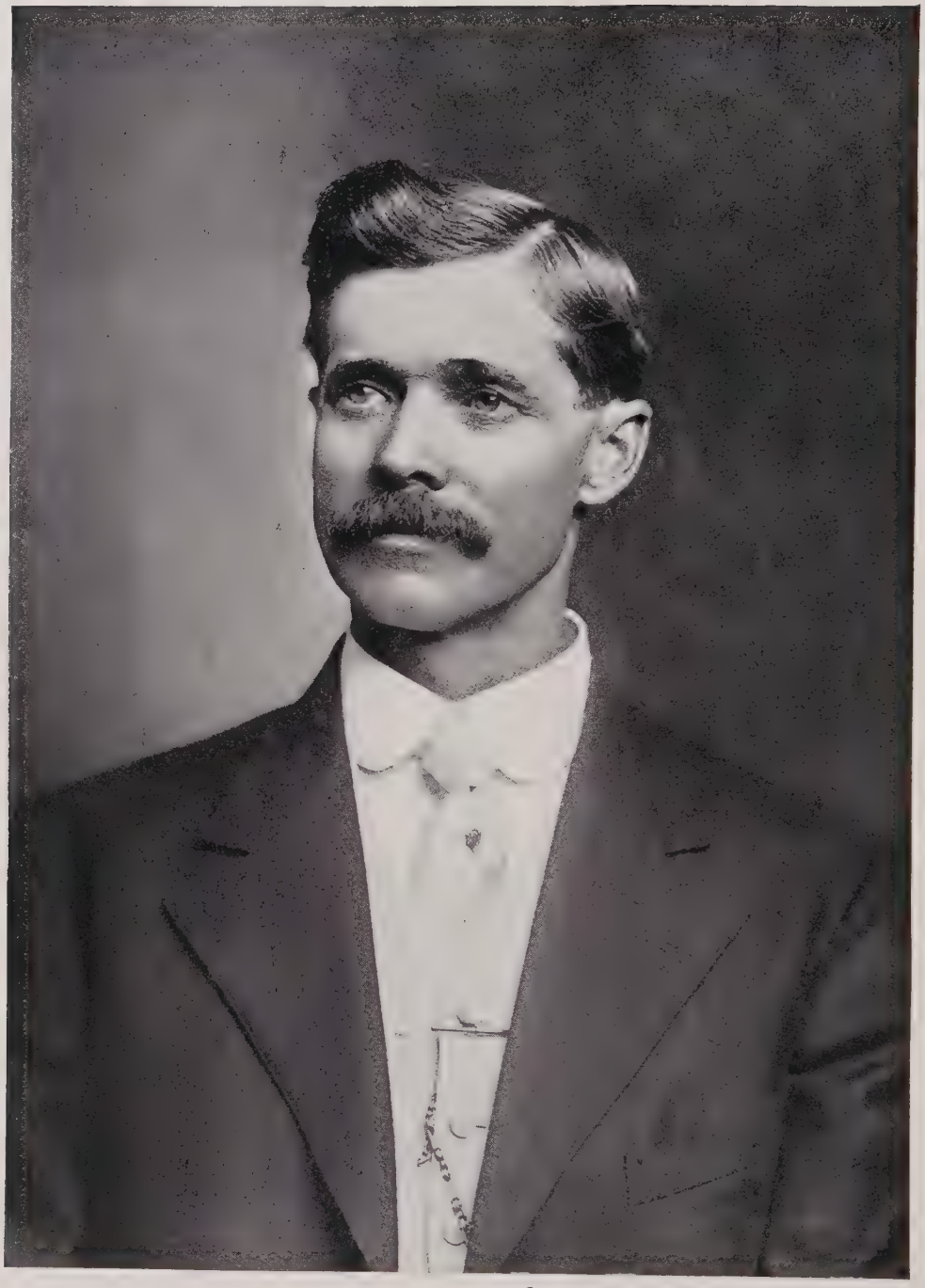
To his marriage have been born five children, as follows: Lena, a graduate of the Markle high school, and the wife of Daniel Heaston; Julia, a graduate of the Markle high school, and specially talented in music, in which she has been well trained and is now engaged in teaching that art; Alma, a graduate of the country schools, and now a student in the Markle high school; Bertha, also in the Markle high school; and Russell J., who was born in 1902, and now attends the common schools. All the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Markle, of which Mr. Vollmar is a trustee. Fraternally he is affiliated with Markle Lodge, No. 423, Knights of Pythias, and his political allegiance has always been given to the Democracy. Mr. Vollmar has not only served in his present office of county commissioner, but was at one time honored with election as member of the township advisory board.

JOHN D. MILLER. From the ranks of the best citizens are chosen under the provisions of Indiana laws the officials known as township trustees. In many respects this office is the most important in the entire county scheme of governments, and the men who are entrusted with the duties and responsibilities of that office are of the substantial class whose ability has been thoroughly tested and who enjoy the complete confidence of their neighbors. Among the former trustees of Union township, John D. Miller represented in the highest degree the qualities of good citizenship and of business efficiency. Mr. Miller has spent practically all his life in Huntington county, and is the owner of a fine farm of seventy-six acres, three and a half miles northwest of Markle. He is a quiet, unassuming man, goes about his work without much noise, but with an efficiency which has brought him into the number of thoroughly prosperous Huntington county citizens.

John D. Miller, through both his parents, represents substantial German stock. He was born in Starke county, Ohio, August 12, 1857, a son of David and Sarah (Arnold) Miller. Both parents were likewise natives of Starke county, and were reared and married in that state. In 1857, a few weeks after John was born, the parents moved from Ohio and found a home in Huntington county in October of that year. Their location was in Union township, and they lived there until death. Of the eight children only two are living at the present time, the sister of John D. Miller being Clara, wife of George Messler, of Nebraska.

John D. Miller grew up on the old home farm in Union township, and as a boy was privileged to attend the country schools about three months each year. All his schooling was obtained at the Number Eight District school in Union township. With a fair equipment in the line of education he started to work for his father and lived on the farm until he was twenty-one. He then began as a renter, and gradually accumulated the capital which gave him an independent position. Mr. Miller for a number of years has been proprietor of the Lone Oak Farm, and employs his acres for the production of the general crops, and also for considerable stock raising.

On October 5, 1884, Mr. Miller married Amanda Brubaker, a daugh-



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ter of Samuel and Mary Brubaker, who came from Perry county, Ohio, and were among the early settlers of Rock Creek township in Huntington county. Mrs. Miller died December 5, 1900, leaving four children, as follows: Bessie, the wife of Hugh Drabenstat; Gusta, who died February 2, 1901; Gale, who died at the age of seventeen months; and Rudy, who was born August 5, 1899. On December 14, 1902, Mr. Miller married Ida A. Keplinger, who was born in Huntington county. Mr. Miller is a Democrat in politics, and his service as trustee of Union township was from 1900 to 1905.

George W. Souers. Among the local industries of Huntington, probably none has gained greater fame over the country than the stables of George W. Souers & Sons, importers and breeders of Percheron, Belgian and Coach horses. These stables are located in the city of Huntington, at 601-949 West Matilda street. No finer horses of their kind can be found in the world than those imported or bred through the Souers stables at Huntington. Mr. Souers is an expert in the care and handling of horses, and has been in the business practically all his life, and has made his skill and judgment the basis of a really great and growing business which has been not least among the factors that gives Huntington a reputation in the outside world.

The Souers family were among the first settlers of Rock Creek township, in Huntington county, where George W. Souers was born September 15, 1864. His parents were Joseph R. and Mary (Ryan) Souers, and his father was a farmer and stockman, and at one time a well known breeder of shorthorn cattle. The grandfather was a native of Pennsylvania, and the great-grandfather was born in Germany, settling in Pennsylvania, and afterward living in Ohio and Indiana.

George W. Souers secured an excellent education, and his thorough schooling, combined with his natural adaptability to his present work, has enabled him to excel and reach a position of foremost importance in his special line of activity. The country schools supplied his first advantages, and afterward he was for four years a student in the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio. On leaving school he returned home, and for several years raised and handled horses for light harness purposes. Later his attention was given to draft horses, and with the accumulation of experience and capital his enterprise broadened to a field of international scope. Mr. Souers' reputation as a horseman is almost as well known abroad as in this country. For years he has made purchases of Percheron and Belgian horses and also Coach horses in the best stables of Germany, Belgium and France. No expense or care has been spared in the importation of these animals. The shipments were made in the best and fastest live stock vessels, and at times they have been brought across the ocean on the finest passenger steamers, being shipped from the ports of Antwerp and London, the usual shipment being from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five head, and on arriving in New York City, they were brought by express to the Souers stables in Huntington. The stables are fitted with every accommodation

for the care and handling of horses. From Huntington the animals are shipped to all parts of the Union.

The Souers horse barns perhaps are the finest in America, and are located in the corporate limits of Huntington. The main structure is three stories in height, with a tile roof, and ground dimensions of sixty by one hundred and fifty feet. The stalls and floors are of reinforced concrete construction, and sanitation is almost as perfect in this barn as in a home. The prevalent colors of the horses are black, roan, grey, bay and chestnut. Mr. Souers has for a number of years employed an expert to care for his horses. At times when it has been desired to fatten the animals, systematic feeding has brought an increase in weight of one hundred pounds per week. They have been exhibited at International and State Fairs and have competed favorably with the best imported in the country.

Mr. Souers is the possessor of valuable real estate, and several farms in Huntington county. He is an all around horseman, devoting his thoughts and capital to that line of business until he has become thoroughly versed in every department belonging to the purchase and sale of his noted horses.

On September 24, 1884, Mr. Souers married Miss Ida King, daughter of Samuel King, a native of Huntington county and a prominent farmer of the county. They are the parents of two sons who are associated with their father in business. Carl K., now does much of the purchasing abroad, and began making trips to the old country in his nineteenth year. While a young man, he is old in the business, and each year makes from two to three trips to foreign stables. Glenn, the other son, is at home assisting in the management of the stables. He is also a good judge of horses and a very capable young business man.

Mr. Souers is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church and a member of the building committee having in charge the erection of the new church building. His home is a fine residence on North Jefferson street, one of the best in Huntington.

William J. Tribolet. Of the able young men who are going about in the quiet but effective performance of their duties as citizens and home makers, Mr. Tribolet has a special place in Union township. For some years he was identified with Drain Tile manufacture, but is now proprietor of an excellent eighty-acre farm. His place is in Union township, being the east half of the northeast quarter of section twenty-five. His home is on the rural free delivery Route No. 3 out of Markle, and the farm lies two miles north and a half a mile west of Markle, on the Prairie Road. It is in a state of excellent improvement, and Mr. Tribolet has shown himself to be not only a progressive farmer, but a man of action in the community.

William J. Tribolet was born in Bluffton, Indiana, August 23, 1875, a son of David and Mary (Sarge) Tribolet. His father was a native of

Germany, coming to the United States when twenty-three years of age, and locating at Bluffton, Indiana. A blacksmith by trade he followed that vocation. which he had learned by a thorough apprenticeship in his native land. It was in Bluffton that he married Miss Sarge, who was a native of Pennsylvania. After getting a start, the father established a shop of his own at Rifetown, later at Bivens Corners, and finally went south and died at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. The widow is still living. They were the parents of six children, mentioned as follows: John Tribolet; Rosa, wife of Ben Robrock of Union township; William J.; Samuel F.; Charles, of Rock Creek township; and Clara, wife of Henry Shoeff of Union township.

Mr. William J. Tribolet was reared in Wells and Huntington counties, and his book learning was supplied by the common schools. A number of years ago he became interested in the manufacturing of drain tile in Union township, and continued that for ten years, and thus accumulated the surplus which in November, 1912, he invested in his present homestead.

On April 10, 1905, Mr. Tribolet married Mina Tumbleson of Union township, a daughter of Willard Tumbleson. They have one child, Daley E., aged five years. Mr. Tribolet is a Democrat in politics.

Isham Swain. Five miles northeast of Huntington, on the Hasler Gravel Road in Union township, is the Leghorn Poultry Farm, the proprietor of which is Isham Swain, whose residence in Huntington county has been continuous for more than sixty years, who is a veteran of the Civil war, and whose career since then has been one of quiet prosperity and honorable relations with his community. Mr. Swain has more than a local reputation as a breeder and grower of fine poultry, especially of the Leghorn breed. He has all the facilities for successful poultry farming, and his experience has enabled him to make a steady profit out of an industry in which the failures are probably more conspicuous than the successes. His farm comprises forty acres of land.

Isham Swain was born in Preble county, Ohio, September 14, 1847, a son of John L. and Nancy (Waters) Swain. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and his mother of Kentucky, they were married in Ohio, and coming to Indiana in 1850 located in Clear Creek township of Huntington county, from which locality in 1854 they moved into Union township, with which this family has been identified for nearly sixty years. There were thirteen children in the family, and four are living in 1913, as follows: Hezekiah, whose home is in Huntington; Stephen, of Union township; and Nancy, the widow of Matthew Waters, of Huntington.

Isham Swain attended public schools in Union township, where he located when about seven years old. It was his fortune to be one of the boy defenders of the Union, during the dark days of the Civil war. The war had been in progress several months, when he passed his fourteenth birthday, and two years later, in August, 1863, he responded to the call for volunteers and enlisted in Company D, of the One Hundred

and Thirtieth Indiana Infantry, remaining with that regiment until near the close of the war. His service was with the army of Tennessee under General Thomas, and he took part in the Atlanta campaign. He fought in the battle of Nashville on December 15, 1864, one of the greatest battles in the Mississippi Valley, and there he was shot in the mouth and disabled for further service. After leaving the hospital he received his honorable discharge, and came home. There were altogether five members of the Swain family in the Civil war. On returning to Huntington county, Isham W. Swain took up the serious responsibilities of civil life, and worked to prepare a home for himself.

In 1872 he married Mary E. Bristo, who was born in Huntington. They are the parents of two children: Burtis A., who is married and lives in Huntington; and Gladys, wife of Edward Thorn, of Huntington. The family worship in the Evangelical church, and Mr. Swain keeps up his old associations with his comrades by membership in the James R. Slack Post, G. A. R. In politics he has been a Republican since the days of the war, and has frequently interested himself in behalf of local candidates and has been a factor in the party councils.

Orland E. Johnson. Among those farms which give a distinctive character to Union township, one of the most noteworthy is "Happy Home Farm," the proprietor of which is Orland E. Johnson, a man of quiet and capable citizenship, who has followed farming as his vocation during a long and active life. His farm is located on the Fort Wayne and Huntington Stone Road, four and a half miles northeast of Huntington. Its sixty-eight acres are under complete cultivation, and all the improvements are first class.

Orland E. Johnson was born in Fountain county, Indiana, December 7, 1846, a son of Samuel B. and Sarah (Reed) Johnson. Both parents were natives of Warren county, Ohio, where they grew up and were married and about 1839 made settlement in Fountain county, Indiana, among the pioneers. The father followed his trade as a cooper for many years though he combined that occupation with farming.

Orland E. Johnson spent all his early life on a farm, and while growing up had the advantages of the local school. In 1860, when he was fourteen years old, the family moved to Benton county, in this state. His school work was finished when he was about eighteen years old, and after that he lived at home and assisted in the cultivation of the old homestead until he was twenty-six.

On March 22, 1873, occurred his marriage to Isabelle, daughter of H. H. and Elizabeth (Owens) Scott. After more than twenty-seven years of married companionship she died on June 10, 1900. In 1902 Mr. Johnson bought his present farm in Union township of Huntington county. In February, 1906, he married Mrs. Barbara Purviance, widow of Rev. Charles Purviance, and representing one of the pioneer families of Huntington county. Mrs. Johnson was reared in Union township and got her education from the local schools. Her maiden name was Barbara Rice, a daughter of Nicholas and Hannah (Coy) Rice. Her

father was born in Wayne county, Indiana, May 11, 1826, and moved to Huntington county in October, 1850. Hannah Coy, his wife, was born in West Moreland county, Pennsylvania, and was a girl when her family made the long overland journey by ox teams and wagons from Pennsylvania to Ohio, and from there to Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are faithful members and attendants of the United Brethren Church of Zion, and he is superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics Mr. Johnson supports the Republican cause, and for ten years was township assessor of Gilboa township in Benton county, and also served as county assessor for two years. Mr. Johnson is a man whose career has been spent without conspicuous incident or abnormal event, has lived uprightly before all men, and has well won his prosperity and his high standing in the community.

ALBERT RICE. Huntington county has its many beautiful and valuable farm estates, some of which have been under one name since the pioneer era of this region. One of these older places is the Rice farm, a well improved and beautiful place of sixty acres, in Union township, and known throughout that section of the county as Hillside Farm. Its owner, Mr. Rice, has lived there practically all his life, has shown himself possessed of those qualities which in modern agriculture count for steady success, and an influential position in the community.

Albert Rice was born in Union township, July 23, 1863, a son of Solomon and Retta (Hibbard) Rice. His father, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, came to Huntington county, Indiana, in 1848 There were many pioneer settlers in the county at that time, but conditions were practically new, and when he located in Union township in that year he had few neighbors and had to take up the task which confronted all the rest of the first settlers. Solomon Rice was fourteen years old when he came to Huntington county, having been born in 1834, and is still living in Union township, now at the venerable age of almost eighty years. His wife died thirty-eight years ago.

Albert Rice, who was the only son of his parents, grew up on the old farm, and as a boy had the advantages of the local school. His school attendance continued until he was about seventeen years old, and he then made farming the choice of his permanent vocation, and through nearly all his active career has been identified with the old homestead. Mr. Rice married Dona Shinaberry, of Ohio, who came to Huntington county with her parents, when she was a girl. To their marriage have been born seven children, six of whom are living: Carl, who is married and lives on a farm in Jackson township; Frank, who is married and is in Union township; Ross, who lives at home, and helps run the farm; Clarence, who is a student in the local schools; Ruth, who attends the high school; and Mary, also a school girl. Katie died when three years old. Mr. Rice takes an active part in fraternal work, especially in Odd Fellowship, having membership in La Fontaine Lodge No. 42, I. O. O. F. and also the Encampment No. 82 at Huntington. In politics a Democrat, he has seldom manifested much interest in party affairs, though he is a

good citizen and always ready to do his part in making this a better community to live in.

TULLY ANSON. Union township is noted for its industries and able farmers, and public spirited citizens. One of these is Tully Anson, who represents one of the pioneer families in this section, and who is proprietor of the Ranacross Farm, located four and a half miles northeast of Huntington, on the Fort Wayne Traction line, and in a very eligible position, for all the demands of modern agriculture. Mr. Anson is a man who has never been content to follow without question in the beaten paths traveled by his predecessors, and has always been extremely progressive, ready to adopt improvements which have been thoroughly tested, and has also contributed out of his own original mind to the better welfare of agriculture and its followers. Thousands of farmers in Indiana and elsewhere cultivate what is known as the Anson Dent and the Anson White Corn, a variety of maize, which is the result of Mr. Anson's careful selection and cross fertilization. Mr. Anson has a very handsome farmstead, and its situation on the traction line gives him practical city facilities.

Tully Anson was born in Union township, September 9, 1868, a son of John J. and Susan (Elkins) Anson. Both the father and grandfather, Samuel Anson, were natives of Clinton county, Ohio, where John J. was born, February 9, 1825, and probably of English descent. Susan Elkins was a native of Virginia. John Anson was married in Ohio, and in 1844 came into Huntington county as one of the early settlers, locating in Union township. Twelve years were spent by him in Huntington City, but with that exception he lived in Union township, with his wife, until their long and industrious years came to a close. Their journey from Clinton county, Ohio, was made in a wagon, and not for some years were any railroads built in this section of the state, and the Ansons are among the people who had their full share in clearing away the forests and establishing homes in the wilderness. John J. Anson was a hunter and fisherman, possessed a very rugged physique, and was of active, vigorous temperament, and was known in the community as a man who never failed in any undertaking. He cleared up a large amount of land, was noted as a rail splitter in the early days, and for a number of years was associated with the late John Roche. John Anson at one time kept the only store at Union Station, in his township. His acreage as a farmer usually ran about two hundred, and his possessions and activities made him one of the prominent men in Union township. Besides being a first-class business man, and successful from a material point of view, he was active in religion and a liberal contributor to the Union church. A Jackson Democrat in politics, he served in the office of justice of the peace during his residence in the city of Huntington. There were seven children, and four are still living: Samuel, a retired farmer at Warsaw, Indiana; Tennie, wife of I. E. Ward, of Union township; and Addie, wife of James Carl, of Columbus, Indiana. Tully Anson was reared on the home farm and at the proper

age entered the Huntington public schools. After graduating from the high school in 1885, he was first employed as agent, and storekeeper at Mardenis, and from that gradually got into farming as a permanent vocation. Mr. Anson married Miss Nettie Hoster, a daughter of John and Mary (Harter) Hoster. Mrs. Anson was educated in the district schools. Their four living children are: Charles E., who graduated from the Union township high school, studied in Angola Tri-State College, and now has charge of the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades in the Union township schools; Clara, a graduate of the high school, and the wife of Ernest Beaver; Mary and Allen, both at home. Mrs. Anson is a member of the Mount Zion United Brethren church, and the family attend Zion church. Mr. Anson has long taken an active part in democratic politics, and also in public affairs, from the standpoint of good government, and from 1904 to 1908 served as trustee of Union township.

Henry G. Miller. Representing that stanch German-American stock which has done so much in the material development of the middle west, Henry G. Miller has lived for thirty-five years in Huntington county, has prospered in his vocation as a farmer, has a fine farm estate in Union township of 160 acres, and is regarded as one of the substantial men both in general prosperity and in his influence as a citizen and kindly neighbor.

Henry G. Miller was born in Hocking county, Ohio, November 2, 1860, a son of John P. and Christina (Finkie) Miller. His father, who was a native of Germany, came when eight years of age with his parents to the United States, first locating in Virginia, and later in Ohio. About 1877, he moved from Ohio, and found a permanent home in Union township of Huntington county, where he spent the remaining days of his life. There were six children in the family, as follows: Henry G.; Mary, wife of Cephus Hahn, of Michigan; William, of Union township; Lizzie, wife of David Chenoweth of Jackson township; John P. of Dallas township; and George E. of Polk township.

Henry G. Miller was about eighteen years old when he came to Huntington county, had received a substantial education in the schools of Ohio, and became an active and valuable assistant of his father in clearing up the land and improving a farm in Huntington county. He lived at home until he was twenty-four years of age. On the 21st of October, 1893, he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Lahr, daughter of Jacon Lahr. Mrs. Miller was born in Polk township, Huntington county, October 2, 1866, and grew up and received her education in this vicinity. They have one child, Arta June, born June 1, 1903. Mr. Miller in early life learned the stone mason's trade, and for some years was a contractor in Huntington, getting a good start in that business. He owned ninety-seven acres of the old homestead in Ohio, and after selling that bought his present farm in January, 1899, and has since owned and occupied that present estate in Union township. His farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres, all the land is well improved and cultivated, and his neigh-

bors regard him as the ablest cultivator of the soil and one of the most successful men in his community. In politics Mr. Miller is a democrat.

Simeon Slater. For half a century Simeon Slater has been a substantial farmer and respected citizen of Huntington county. In Union township his estate is readily identified as the Flat Creek Farm, a country place of forty-three acres, with unusual attractions in both surroundings and equipment for business. Mr. Slater has made a success in life, stands high in the esteem of his neighbors, and is a man who has always depended upon industry and good judgment and fair dealing for his advancement.

Simeon Slater was born in Warren county, Ohio, May 23, 1845, a son of Joseph and Mary A. (Thompson) Slater. Grandfather William Slater was a native of England and came to the United States many years ago. Joseph Slater was married in Warren county, Ohio, and in 1853 brought his family to Huntington county, locating in Union township, but later lived on a farm in Huntington township. Both parents died in the city of Huntington. There were twelve children, eight of whom are yet living, as follows: Mary, wife of Jacob Moore of Springfield, Ohio; Milton, a barber in Detroit, Michigan; Oscar, of Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin; Margaret, wife of John Langle; Elizabeth, wife of Alf Wilkerson, of Huntington; and Cal, a barber in Warren, Indiana.

Simeon Slater was reared on a farm in Ohio, attended the district schools, was about eighteen years old when he came with the family to Huntington county. On January 14, 1869, occurred the marriage of Simeon Slater and Miss Anna Hill, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, May 29, 1848, and when a child was brought to Huntington county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Slater located in Union township, and there have acquired a substantial home, have reared their children and given them the best of advantages, and are now enjoying the fruits of a well spent life of industry and thrifty management. Their six children are mentioned as follows: Leota, wife of George Chaney; Elmer, who married Mary Chaney; James A., who married Maude Ward; Edward, whose wife was Lettie Mitchell; Ora, who married Helen Weaver; and Merl, wife of William Slagel. Mr. Slater is affiliated with Roanoke Lodge No. 19, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master. In politics he is a democrat.

Linzy Roberts. For thirty-five years the name of Linzy Roberts in Jefferson township has been synonymous with high class agricultural work and for the faithful performance of every duty that devolves upon him in this connection. A native son of Huntington township, he has grown up with the section, has interestedly watched its development into one of the richest agricultural localities of the state, has contributed materially to its advancement through his activities, and with its prosperity has himself prospered. Mr. Roberts was born on a farm in section 23, Jefferson township, Huntington county, Indiana, June 27, 1857, and is a son of Samuel and Sofia (Wiley) Roberts.

The parents of Mr. Roberts were born in Ohio, and there reared, educated and married. Shortly after their union they decided to settle in Huntington county, and accordingly made their way here in a wagon, the father entering eighty acres of land, the west one-half of the southeast one-quarter of section 23, in Jefferson township. This property was located in the heavy timber, and the father erected a small log cabin in a clearing and started to prepare his fields for cultivation. A strong man physically, he labored energetically and untiringly, and was able to make much progress in his work. Later he purchased an additional eighty acres across the road, and there continued to reside during the remainder of his life. In the summer of 1884 the log cabin was replaced by a brick house, the brick for which was made by Linzy Roberts and his brother-in-law. Samuel Roberts was a man of intelligence and public-spirit, and in his death, which occurred in May, 1897, his community lost a citizen who had done much to advance its interests. The mother survived until January, 1900. Mr. Roberts was a democrat in his political views, but was a quiet and unassuming man, and did not court public favors. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, as follows: Sarah L., who is the wife of George S. Morris; Nancy, who passed away when unmarried in young womanhood; Verilla, who is the wife of John A. Andrews; William W., a resident of Salamonie township; George I., who lives in Jefferson township; Linzy, of this review; and Jasper C.

The education of Linzy Roberts was secured in the district schools of Jefferson township, although his attendance was usually limited to the times when there were no tasks to be performed upon the home farm. He was industrious and ambitious, made the most of his opportunities, learned thoroughly the business of farming, and continued under the family roof until reaching the age of twenty-seven years. He was married to Atlanta Denton, December 17, 1884, she having been born in Jefferson township, January 16, 1866, and following their union they settled on a tract of sixty acres of land located near Mr. Roberts' present farm. While there he also engaged in operating a sawmill, and subsequently invested his earnings in forty acres of land. Still later he bought his present property, a tract of eighty acres, being the east one-half of the southeast one-quarter, section 34, three miles west and two miles south of Warren. This land is cleared and ditched, equipped with modern improvements, and has an excellent set of substantial buildings. As a farmer and stock raiser Mr. Roberts exercises sterling ability in the management of his affairs and has thereby acquired a competence that enables him to provide a good living for himself and family. He is known to be reliable in all trade transactions so that he has won the confidence and good will of his fellow men, while his acquaintance is extensive and his friends numerous.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have been the parents of ten children, of whom six are living at this time: Zeffa, who is the wife of Elmer Spaulding and lives in Grant county, Indiana; Sarah, who is the wife of Delmon Lozier; Celia, who is the wife of Howard Brown and lives in

Jefferson township; James, a graduate of the county schools and now a student in Van Buren High school; Ruth, a graduate of the common schools; and Master Carl, the baby, eight years of age and a bright pupil of the local district school. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and their children are consistent members of the United Brethren church. He has always been a strong adherent of the cause of temperance, is a prohibitionist in political matters, and at the present time is serving efficiently in the capacity of supervisor for the south one-half of Jefferson township.

JOHN W. MINTON. The relationship of John W. Minton to Huntington county has been of a broad and varied and uniformly successful character. Mr. Minton for many years was a man who had pleasant associations with the people of Lancaster township and built up a reputation which still follows him for thorough integrity, fair and square dealing, and a judgment which led him to continued advancement in prosperity. Mr. Minton is now best known as a farmer and stock raiser in Jefferson township. He has demonstrated a peculiar fitness for farming and stock enterprise, and it was his dealings as a poultry merchant in earlier years which proved the principal source of his present capital and successful reputation in business affairs.

John W. Minton is a native of Lancaster township, Huntington county, where he was born on October 14, 1868, a son of Henry S. and Mary C. (Winebrenner) Minton. His father after a long and worthy career as an agriculturist and good citizen passed away in 1911, and the mother is still living. They were the parents of six children, of whom John W. is first to be mentioned, and the others are as follows: Frank, of Huntington; Elmer, of Lancaster township; Nathan, of Lancaster township; Lizzie, wife of Charles Buzzard; and Tillie, wife of Wilber McCrum.

It was on a farm in Lancaster township that John W. Minton had his first associations with the world, and grew up with other boys in that locality during the seventies and early eighties. A district school supplied him with the fundamentals of book knowledge, and when he left school at the age of eighteen he was fairly well equipped for successful performance on his own account. By close attention to business and guided always by principles of honesty, he has gone from one success to another and there are few people in that part of Huntington county who do not recognize his name as one associated with thorough ability and well-won prosperity.

Mr. Minton married Stella Zell of Lancaster township. To their union was born one son, Morris, on March 10, 1905. Mrs. Minton passed away on May 17, 1912. On June 14, 1914, he married Gertrude (Canady) Slagel. She was born in Lancaster township.

It was in 1893 that Mr. Minton first engaged in a mercantile business at Lancaster and was actively identified with merchandise in that vicinity for twenty years, until 1913, when he sold out to excellent advantage and has since devoted all his time to stock raising and farming. A young man of twenty-five, he began business as a merchant with very

little actual capital, but with the confidence of his creditors, and not only met his bills promptly as they came due, but was continually increasing the scope of his enterprise, so that when he sold out his stock invoiced at six thousand dollars. In 1911 Mr. Minton had bought the old Wire farm in Jefferson township. That homestead comprises 102.32 acres, and its improvements represent some of the highest class in that part of Huntington county. It is as a breeder and raiser of high grade hogs that Mr. Minton is making his chief success, and he sends them to the market every year by the carload. Among other interests which identify him prominently with the community he is a stockholder in the Huntington Trust Company. As already stated, it was in the handling of poultry along with his other business that he made most of his capital while a merchant, and his profits in that connection are invested in his farm and other holdings. His political affiliation has always been with the republican party, but in the campaign of 1912 he supported the new progressive party.

William H. Cook. A fine representative, not only of the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of Jefferson township, Huntington county, but of the native born citizens of that place, William H. Cook is eminently worthy of honorable mention in a work of this character. A son of Nathan Cook, he was born, October 31, 1863, on a farm lying in section nine, Jefferson township, his birthplace being situated five miles west, and two miles north, of Warren.

Nathan Cook was born in Wayne county, Indiana, and there grew to manhood. In 1849 he came to Huntington county, and having purchased land in Jefferson township there carried on farming until his death. He married, in Ohio, Martha Mills, who was born in Hamilton county, Indiana, and died on the home farm, in Huntington county, Indiana. They reared two children, as follows: William H., the special subject of this sketch; and Anna, wife of Oliver P. Miles.

A life-long resident of Jefferson township, William H. Cook, obtained his education in the district schools, attending regularly all of the terms until attaining his majority. Choosing for his life work the free and independent occupation of a farmer, he first rented land, and after his marriage settled on the Cook homestead, where he has since resided. Mr. Cook has a good farm of seventy-one acres, and in its management is in every respect up-to-date, using the most modern machinery and appliances in his work. He is a natural mechanic, handy with tools of all description, and in addition to owning and operating two sawmills has three threshing outfits, and an automobile, it being a five-passenger Maxwell. Mr. Cook also has an Emerson engine gang plow, the first one introduced into the township. It has four 16-inch bottoms, capable of plowing ten acres in ten hours, and he is going to put on two more bottoms, which will enable him to plow from ten to fifteen acres per day.

Mr. Cook married, February 27, 1890, Ella Miles, who was born, February 8, 1869, in Polk township, Huntington county, a daughter of

Thomas and Anna (Keener) Miles. Seven children have blessed their union, namely: Everett, Ernest, Iva, Glenn, May, Ralph, and Goldie. In politics Mr. Cook is a sound republican, and in addition to having served five years as supervisor has been an important factor in the movement to facilitate the making of good roads throughout this section of the state.

Ira B. Potts. To the earnest and helpful activities of such men as Ira B. Potts, Huntington county owes its present flourishing condition, its agricultural supremacy and its prosperity in trade and commercial circles. Those whose only business lies in looking after personal gains do little or nothing to advance their communities; the men who have the welfare of their section at heart so conduct their operations as to build up and develop the resources of the country, thus opening up a wider field for the prosecution of industries and undertakings which will bring out and further the best interests of the localities in which their labors are centered. Mr. Potts is a man of versatile talents, as evidenced by the fact that after he had gained honors and position in professional circles, as an educator, he entered the real estate and insurance field, and today is equally well known in this line, being secretary of the prominent firm of Allen-Potts Realty Company, of Huntington.

Mr. Potts is a native son of Huntington county, Indiana, having been born on his father's farm in Lancaster township, June 16, 1883, a son of Anderson and Charlotte (Fisher) Potts. The family is an old and honored one of this county, having been founded here by Jacob Potts, a pioneer, who was for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits, and who served as a Union soldier in the Civil war, participating in several notable battles. Anderson Potts was born in Huntington county, received an ordinary education in the public schools, and early adopted the calling of farmer, which he has followed throughout his life in Lancaster township. As a result of an industrious and well-spent life, he is now numbered among the prosperous farmers and stock raisers of his community, owning an excellent property and carrying on extensive operations. Mrs. Potts, who also survives, was born in Huntington county, daughter of Harvey Fisher, a pioneer of Scotch-Irish descent.

Ira B. Potts acquired his education at the high school at Majenica, from which he was graduated. For two years he taught in the country schools in Lancaster township, but, realizing the need for further training, entered Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1904, and meanwhile had spent a year in Indiana University. In that year he was called to the principalship of the Majenica high school, a capacity in which he served through the greater part of 1905, and then became principal of the Clear Creek high school. He was serving as such in 1906 when he was elected county superintendent of the Huntington county schools to fill out the unexpired term of H. D. Shideler, who died while in office. At the expiration of that term he was elected superintendent, in 1907, and held that office for a term of four years. In 1911, retiring from the profession of teaching, he formed

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a partnership with E. E. Allen and D. A. Purviance in the real estate and insurance business, the firm being incorporated in March of that year as Allen-Potts Realty Company, with a capital stock of ten thousand dollars, and the following officers: E. E. Allen, president; I. B. Potts, secretary; and D. A. Purviance, vice president. An excellent and far-reaching business has been developed, this being devoted to the handling of city and farm property all over Huntington county, and the selling of insurance of all kinds. Although practically a newcomer in his present line of endeavor, Mr. Potts has become recognized as a stable figure in Huntington's business world. He maintains an unassailable reputation in realty circles and his energy and enterprise constitute the salient features of the success which has come to him. He was one of the principal organizers of the Commercial Club of Huntington, is in thorough sympathy with its purposes and is now serving as a member of its board of directors. In politics he is a Republican, but his principal activities in public affairs are confined to supporting his friends. He is a member of the official board of the Central Christian church, and is especially interested in Sunday School affairs, being superintendent of the teachers' training work in the county. He is president of the Northern Indiana Association of Northwestern Insurance Agents.

In 1907 Mr. Potts was united in marriage with Miss Dessie Sloan, daughter of C. O. and Julia (McClurg) Sloan, and to this union there have been born two children, namely: Wilma J. and Max S.

Clyde Thompson. A young man of much promise, talented and cultured, Clyde Thompson, of Jefferson township, has gained an excellent reputation not only as a successful farmer, but for his efficient work as a teacher in the public schools of Huntington county. He was born, March 22, 1889, in Van Buren township, Grant county, Indiana, being the oldest of the family of three children belonging to J. A. and Jeannette (Banter) Thompson, now residents of Jefferson township.

Being taken by his parents to Jackson township, Wells county, Indiana, when two years old, Clyde Thompson lived there until ten years of age, when the family removed to Jefferson township, Huntington county, where he continued his studies in the common schools. Subsequently entering the Lancaster township high school, Mr. Thompson was there graduated with the class of 1908. Ambitious to further advance his education he attended the Marion Normal College two terms, and Perdue University at Lafayette, Indiana, one term. In 1908 Mr. Thompson began his professional career as a teacher, and has since taught in districts number 1, 2 and 5, and has met with eminent success as an educator, winning the respect and regard of his pupils, and the good will of the parents. He is well educated, and holds a two-year certificate, or county license good for that length of time.

Mr. Thompson married, August 15, 1911, Ethyl E. Reemer, who was born and educated in Huntington county, Indiana. They have one child, Leslie Neil Thompson, born on the 13th of July, 1914. Politically Mr. Thompson is identified with the republican party.

Jacob L. Neff. There are many ways in which Jacob L. Neff stands closely related with the life and activities of Huntington county. Since 1908 he has been known as trustee of Jefferson township, and is probably known by name at least to every person in that civic community. Mr. Neff is a man who has been successful in his private affairs, has performed with honesty and competence every public trust given him, and is a citizen whose usefulness to the community increases every year. He long since won prosperity as a farmer, and is the owner of a nice homestead of ninety-seven acres in Section 13 of Jefferson township.

Jacob L. Neff was born in Salamonie township of Huntington county June 24, 1856, a son of John and Martha (McFarren) Neff. His father was from Virginia and his mother from Pennsylvania, and each went with their respective families into Ohio, where they met and married, and from there moved to Wells county, Indiana, establishing a home in Jackson township, and subsequently settling in Salamonie township of Huntington county. The father finally returned to Jackson township in Wells county, and spent the rest of his life there. The mother is still living, and has spent several years in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emanuel Hart. Of the twelve children seven are living in 1914: Sarah, the wife of A. J. Foust; Martha, widow of Samuel Jackson of Warren; Rachel, wife of Daniel Carpenter of Jackson township in Wells county; Anna, wife of A. J. Stephens of Jackson township in Wells county; Adam, who is deceased; Wilson, of Illinois; John, of Warren; Hannah, wife of E. M. Hart of Salamonie township; Jacob L.; and Jonathan, who married Mary Unrue of Jackson township.

While Jacob L. Neff was born in Salamonie township of Huntington county, he spent most of his early youth in Wells county, and attended the schools of both counties. His early training acquired through the district schools, and his experiences were only slightly different from those of other boys in his day and generation. When the duties of home were not too insistent, he attended school, but his education came as much from practical doing as from text books. In that way he passed the alternate summers and winters of his life until ready to take up the battle of existence for himself, and then continued as a farmer, a vocation which has afforded the basis of a comfortable prosperity.

On November 9, 1884, Mr. Neff married Bertie Freck, who represents one of the oldest and most prominent families of Huntington county. Her father, John Freck, was born in Ohio and married Anna M. Goss. From Ohio he became one of the pioneers of Huntington county, settling here in 1840, long before the wilderness had been subdued and when primitive conditions were to be seen in every township. John Freck became a prominent man in the early days of Huntington county, and was elected and served three years as county commissioner. Mrs. Neff grew up in this county, and acquired her education in the same way as her husband, by attending the district schools. To their marriage have been born nine children, mentioned briefly as follows: Nellie M., who is the wife of Roy D. Shideler; Russell C., who is a graduate of the common

schools and was also a student in high school, and is unmarried; Schuyler R., who finished the course in common school and the Warren high school; Silas L., who took his diploma in the grade schools and is now a student in the Warren high school; three children who died in infancy; John H., still attending the common schools, and Pauline M., who is the youngest of the family. The family worship in the Christian church at Belleville, and Mr. Neff has long taken an active part in the affairs of that church and is serving as a trustee. Fraternally he is also active, and believes in the beneficence of fraternal organization, and is a member of Salamonie Lodge, No. 392, I. O. O. F., and of the Encampment, No. 410, being past grand and a member of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. It was his record in business and as a citizen that gave him the preference among the local democrats for the office of trustee in the fall of 1908, and his service since then has been exceptionally fortunate for the public schools of Jefferson township. Mr. Neff believes in progressive methods in school affairs and in the administration of all the duties which come under his administration, and his record has been such that his successor, when a successor is chosen, will find it extremely difficult to improve upon the standards set by Mr. Neff.

Joseph P. Huber. Agricultural conditions in Huntington county have changed to such an extent during the past several decades that the enterprising farmer, to keep abreast of the trend of the times, has been compelled to change to a large degree his methods of treating and cultivating the soil. New discoveries have been made, powerful machinery has been invented, and new innovations introduced, and he who would reap the most beneficial results from his toil must keep himself thoroughly conversant with the rapid changes of the day. Prominent among the farmers of Huntington county who has succeeded in his ventures because of his progressive spirit and modern business methods is Joseph P. Huber, of Jefferson township. Mr. Huber is a self-made man, for he started upon his business career at the age of thirteen years, without capital or influential friends, and has worked his way steadily to the forefront, now being the owner of a handsome property one mile west of Warren. He was born at Owensburg, Indiana, May 6, 1873, and is a son of John and Mary (Grim) Huber.

John Huber was born in Franklin county, Indiana, the son of German parents who emigrated to this country at an early day. He early adopted the vocation of farming, and in 1874 came to Huntington county and located on a farm on section 14, Jefferson township, but a short time later moved to Salamonie township, where he died in 1882. Mrs. Huber, who was also born in Franklin county of German parentage, subsequently remarried a man named Bayless, and they made their home on a farm in Jefferson township. John and Mary Huber were the parents of eight children, of whom five are living in 1914, namely: Minnie, who is the wife of John Spitzer, of Celina, Mercer county, Ohio; John, who is married and lives at Marion, Indiana; George, who is married and lives in Jennings county, Indiana; Joseph P., of this review; and Henry

C., who is married and is now serving in the capacity of deputy auditor of Huntington county.

Joseph P. Huber was reared in the rural communities of Huntington, Wills and Grant counties, Indiana, where his father and stepfather owned properties. His education was secured in the district schools of these several communities, but his boyhood was largely filled with hard work, for his parents were in modest circumstances and he was supposed to do his part in the support of the family. He was only thirteen years of age when he laid aside his books to face the world as a worker, and being industrious, hard-working and energetic found no trouble in securing and retaining employment among the farmers of his locality. At all times he carefully saved his wages, a part of which were contributed to his mother, and he was twenty-four years of age when he finally considered himself "even with the world," and ready to embark on a career of his own. He finally secured enough capital to invest in a small property, and from that time to the present his career has been a successful one. He now owns and operates a tract of forty acres in Jefferson township, one mile west of Warren, where he is conducting general farming and stock raising ventures. He has shown his ability as an agriculturist, and his management has been such that his property is considered one of the most desirable of its size in this section. He has good buildings, substantial and well equipped, his stock is of a fine quality, fat and contented, and his machinery is of the latest manufacture. Altogether, the property gives evidence of the presence of excellent management.

Mr. Huber was married May 23, 1900, to Miss Viola Trout, who was born in Jefferson township, Huntington county, Indiana, February 11, 1878, daughter of James A. and Sarah M. (Taylor) Trout. Mrs. Huber was reared on a farm in Jefferson township, received a public school education, and has been a great help to her husband, being thoroughly familiar with the work of the farm. They have one son, a bright, manly youth, Guy B., who was born June 3, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Huber are consistent members of the Christian church, which they attend at Warren. They have numerous friends, and are numbered among the solid, reliable people of the community. In political matters Mr. Huber supports the principles of the democratic party, but has never aspired to public office.

JONATHAN L. TAYLOR. The manufacturing, financial and professional activities and achievements of any community are a source of great pride to its citizens and are important factors in its prosperity, but it is to the farms that the country must look for its support, and in the hands of the agriculturists lies the possibility of a locality's prosperity or depression. The section that may boast of a rich agricultural community, with intelligent, progressive and industrious men to till the soil is indeed fortunate, and it is for this reason that Huntington stands pre-eminent among her sister counties, for here are found agriculturists whose achievements can be excelled by those of no other in the state.

Among the men of the county who are maintaining agricultural supremacy here is found Jonathan L. Taylor, the owner of a valuable farm in Jefferson township. Mr. Taylor has had an active and useful career, and his rise to success through individual effort entitles him to be named as one of his township's self-made men.

Jonathan L. Taylor has been a lifelong resident of the township in which he now resides, having been born on a farm in section 25, February 27, 1858, a son of Samuel and Lucinda (Watters) Taylor. His parents came from Fayette county, Indiana, to Huntington county in 1846, and settled on a farm in Jefferson township, where they continued to spend the remainder of their lives. They were honorable people, of true worth, and although modest and unassuming, led useful careers and had the respect and esteem of all who knew them. They were the parents of ten children, of whom seven are living in 1914, as follows: James P., who is a resident of Jonesboro, Grant county; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Lawson A. Adams, of Fayette county, Indiana; Sarah, who is the wife of James A. Trout, of Jefferson township; William, whose home is at Gas City, Grant county; John P., living at Hamilton, Ohio; Jonathan L., of this review; and Alonzo, who makes his home at Newcastle, Henry county, Indiana.

The boyhood and youth of Jonathan L. Taylor were passed in the rural community of Jefferson township, and the district schools of his native locality furnished him with his educational training. His opportunities in this direction were limited, however, as he was called upon to assist his father in the labors of the home farm, and he was little more than a lad when his parents died and he was thrown upon his own resources. He early learned to be self-reliant, applied himself assiduously to whatever task was at hand, and earned the reputation of being a hard and persistent worker, so that he commanded good wages. In 1885 Mr. Taylor established a home of his own when he was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Wilker, who was born in Henry county, Indiana, a daughter of agricultural people who brought her to Huntington county when she was three years old. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have had three children: Orville, a prosperous young farmer of Jefferson township, who married Effa Miller; Lulu, who is the wife of Orvie Wildermuth, who is engaged in farming in Wayne township, Huntington county; and Clyde, who married Myrtle Good, and is following farming and stockraising in Jefferson township.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Taylor settled on a farm one and one-quarter miles west of Warren, Indiana, on section 25, Jefferson township, and from time to time Mr. Taylor has added to his original purchase until he is now the owner of 106.15 acres. This he has put under a fine state of cultivation, his modern methods and persistent industry having made him one of his community's substantial men. He owes his success to no fortunate circumstance, but to the fact that he has grasped opportunities and made the most of them, that he has allowed no obstacle to retard him in his forward march, and that at all times and under all conditions he has shown himself upright and hon-

orable in his dealings with his fellow men. He is a democrat in politics, and for two years served as a member of the Huntington county committee. As a citizen he has shown himself willing to assist in movements for the public welfare, in which his judgment is always respected by his co-workers. His fraternal activities are limited to membership in the Improved Order of Red Men, his lodge being located at Warren. His general popularity is evidenced by his wide circle of appreciative friends.

Adolphus Taylor. The pioneers of Huntington county have done their work, and the result of their courageous and self-sacrificing efforts is shown today in the magnificently developed farms, the flourishing towns and cities, the splendidly kept roads and the perfectly equipped schools. But while great credit is due to these sturdy early settlers, it has been left to those who have followed them to perfect their work in its entirety, to put the finishing touches on the labors started by them. Like Rome, Huntington county was not built in a day, but its completion is the result of years of unceasing endeavor, coupled with constant faith in the locality and appreciation of its possibilities. One of the representative farmers of this locality, who belongs to one of the pioneer families, and himself has contributed materially to the county's development, is Adolphus Taylor, of Jefferson township, who owns and operates a farm of 120 acres, lying two miles west of Warren.

Mr. Taylor was born in Jefferson township, August 30, 1860, and is a son of Samuel M. and Mary (Irvin) Taylor. The Taylor family was founded in this township as early as 1836, when William L. Taylor, the grandfather of Adolphus Taylor, entered land from the Government and settled down to make a home for his children in the midst of the wilderness. He spent the remainder of his life here, an earnest, hardworking man, who won the respect of his neighbors because of his integrity and clean living. Samuel M. Taylor was born in Virginia and was a lad when he accompanied his parents to the new country of Indiana. He was brought up a farmer, and at the time of his father's death succeeded him in the ownership of the homestead, on which he continued to carry on operations throughout the remainder of his active career. Like his father, he was a steady-going farmer, a good citizen and a man respected for his sterling traits of character, and had numerous friends throughout the community. He married Miss Mary Irvin, who had come to Huntington county from North Carolina in girlhood, and they became the parents of five children, namely: Elizabeth A., who is the wife of George W. Roberts, of Allen county, Indiana; Lydia, who is the widow of Joseph Werley, of Warren; Adolphus, of this review; Samira M., who is the wife of William H. Roberts, a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Oscar, who is deceased.

Brought up to agricultural pursuits, Adolphus Taylor divided his boyhood and youth between attendance at the district schools of Jefferson township and working on the homestead farm, where he was thoroughly trained in agricultural methods. He was sixteen years of age

when he laid aside his school books to concentrate his energies upon the tilling of the soil, but since that time has done much reading, and this, coupled with keen observation, has given him a wide and comprehensive knowledge of important matters. He was married October 20, 1894, to Miss Carrie Whitehurst, who was born in Rock Creek township, Huntington county, October 16, 1869. She was educated in the district schools of her native township, and, being the daughter of agricultural people, knew much of farm life and was able to render her husband great assistance in his labors. The young couple settled down to housekeeping on their present farm, and as the years have passed have added to their acreage and made this one of the valuable and well-improved properties of the township. Mr. Taylor is in thorough sympathy with modern methods, and is always ready to give a trial to innovations which his judgment tells him are practicable. General farming has received the greater part of his attention, but he has also met with success in stock-raising ventures, and his business ability enables him to secure top-notch prices for his product in the markets. In politics a democrat, he has taken some interest in matters as they have affected his locality, but has left the struggles of the political arena to others, himself preferring to devote his energies to the cultivation of his broad and productive acres. He has won his fellow-townsmen's esteem and confidence by his honorable business methods, and his loyalty and fidelity have gained him many friends.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of whom five are now living; Paul, a graduate of Warren High school; Vora A., who graduated from the graded schools at the age of thirteen and subsequently spent one year in Warren High school; Gladys, who is eleven years of age; Garnett, aged eight years; and Celia, the baby, who is four years old. Mr. Taylor is a friend of education, and his children are being fitted to take their proper stations in the world. Inheriting their parents' sterling qualities, they will, no doubt, prove credits to their community and their bringing up.

John M. Stanley. In a survey of the rural homes of Jefferson township which represent the better progress and attainments of that community the estate of John M. Stanley, known as the Woodland Home Farm, must be given a high rank. It is not one of the largest farms in Huntington county, but makes up in its improvements and attractiveness what it lacks in acreage. Its seventy-seven acres are situated a mile north and two miles west of Warren in Section 24. Its proprietor has spent practically all his life in Huntington county, belongs to good old pioneer stock, and has long been one of his township's leading citizens.

John M. Stanley was born on a portion of the farm which he still owns, on August 29, 1855, a son of John and Mary (Watters) Stanley. His mother was born in the Pendleton district of South Carolina March 13, 1820, accompanied her parents to Franklin county, Indiana, where in 1847 she was united in marriage with John Stanley. Her death occurred March 22, 1894. John Stanley died about 1865, and was the

father of eight children, four of whom are still living, as follows: W. S. Stanley, of Lancaster township; Mary F., unmarried; Nancy E., the wife of Emanuel Brineman, of Marion; and John M. The deceased children were named Jennie, Lucinda, George and Morton G.

John M. Stanley grew up on the farm whose land has been cultivated by his labors since boyhood, and he has made his prosperity straight and clean, and has always been able to pull more than his own weight in the world, and while looking after his own interests has not neglected those of family and friends about him. Due to the fact that when he was ten years of age his father died, and that his help was required at home, he had only a meagre schooling and such as was supplied by the district schools of half a century ago. His mother needed his assistance on the farm, and she lived with him and depended upon his helpfulness and good management all her later years.

On April 24, 1895, Mr. Stanley married Ella J. Schull. She is a daughter of Daniel P. and Margaret A. (Hinkle) Schull. Her father was born in Jefferson township of Huntington county, and thus represents one of the old families of this section. Both her parents are still living in this county. Mr. Schull and wife became the parents of six children, five of whom are yet living, as follows: Ella J., Charles A., of Michigan; Lillie J., who is the wife of Columbus Wooster of Van Buren, Indiana; Otis E., who finished the course in the common schools, and the Warren high school, took a business course in Fort Wayne, and is now a rising young business man in that city; George S., who lives in Marion. The daughter, Ella J., received her education in the common schools, and Mr. Schull and wife took special pains to afford all their children the best possible advantages while they were growing up. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley have taken a little girl into their home, Erma B. Allison, who was born in August, 1903, and are giving her the advantages and the affection the same as if she were their own child. Mr. Stanley and wife are members of the First Christian church in Warren. In politics he has been one of the local leaders of the Republican party for a number of years, has attended many conventions, has worked for the welfare of the party and for good government wherever possible, but his convictions led him during the campaign of 1912 into the ranks of the Progressives, and he supported the candidate of that party in that year.

David L. Shull. Good judgment, perseverance, industry and intelligence combine to form the price of success in agricultural work in these modern days of farming, when the difficult and often unremunerative toil of former years has been replaced by the scientific use of modern machinery and a knowledge of the proper treatment of the soil. Among the agriculturists of Huntington county there are found many who have watched the advance and development of their vocation from the days of primitive implements, and through the passing years have kept themselves abreast of the changes, combining their practical experience with the inventions and discoveries that have been made, and in this way attaining a full measure of success from their labors. Numbered among

these men is found David L. Shull, of Jefferson township, who has been a lifelong resident of this locality and is now one of the substantial and highly esteemed citizens of the vicinity of Warren. Mr. Shull was born on a farm in section 14, Jefferson township, December 7, 1846, and is a son of George and Nancy (Detamore) Shull.

George Shull was born in Virginia, and there educated and reared to manhood. After his marriage to Nancy Detamore he made removal to what is now West Virginia, went then to Ohio, and in 1840 established the family in Huntington county, Indiana, when he located on a farm in section 14, Jefferson township. Settling among the pioneers, in the timber country, he cleared a tract of land and engaged in farming, but later disposed of his interests there, and after an experience of short duration on another farm in the same section removed to Salamonie township, where he engaged in active farming operations, but subsequently returned to Jefferson township, where he remained until the time of his death. He was an industrious and enterprising farmer and a sterling citizen, foremost in supporting movements for the benefit of his community. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom five survive at this time, namely: Jacob, who is a resident of Warren; Lydia, the wife of Charles A. Andrews, of Salamonie township; David L., of this review; Daniel P., a resident of Jefferson township; and Ves, living at Warren.

David L. Shull has passed practically his entire life within the limits of Jefferson township, and is thoroughly conversant with its soil and climatic conditions. He was an industrious and enterprising lad, and found his boyhood and youth filled to the utmost with the duties of the homestead farm and the task of securing an education in the township schools, and when he attained his majority he entered energetically upon a career of his own in his chosen field of agriculture. He founded a home of his own in October, 1868, when he was married to Miss Serepha Woods, an estimable young lady of Salamonie township, where she had been born. In 1869 Mr. Shull located on the farm which he now occupies, and as he was possessed of little capital was forced to go into debt to the extent of $400. Locating in the woods three miles southwest of Warren, he was confronted by the usual difficulties which were to be encountered by the young farmers of that day, but his energetic spirit, his indifference to obstacles and his restless ambition soon gave him a start, and he was not only able to pay off his indebtedness, but found himself upon the high road to success. As the years passed he cleared and improved more and more of his land, and at this time he is possessed of one of the best eighty-acre farms to be found in Jefferson township. General farming has received the greater part of his attention, but he has also met with signal success in the breeding of high grade stock, making a specialty of Shropshire sheep and Poland-China hogs.

Mr. and Mrs Shull have had four children: one who died in infancy; Allison, who married Miss Ollie Taylor; Norman, who married Jessie Thorp and lives at Flat Rock, Illinois; and a daughter who died at the age of seventeen years. Mr. Shull is an excellent example of the live, progressive, up-to-date farmers of the Twentieth Century, one who knows how

to make his land pay him a profit, and how to enjoy life in the surroundings that have always been his. He is a Republican in politics and was Road Supervisor for years and a member of the Advisory Board. Among his neighbors he is known as a man of a large and generous heart, who will sacrifice his personal interests to assist others. It is but natural that he should have a wide circle of friends.

JOSEPH E. ALLEN. The rich agricultural resources of Huntington county have afforded to Joseph E. Allen the opportunities for securing success, and here, through earnest and consistent effort he has won a place among his locality's substantial men. His present farm, a tract of eighty acres, lying one mile south and three miles west of Warren, is one of the well-developed properties of Jefferson township, and in its management Mr. Allen has displayed the possession of business ability of more than an ordinary nature. As a citizen he has discharged his duties and responsibilities faithfully, and in each avenue of life's endeavor he has succeeded in his efforts to be known as a helpful and reliable member of his community.

Mr. Allen was born in Lancaster township, Huntington county, Indiana, March 22, 1871, and is a son of Curtis and Susanna (Beck) Allen. His father, a native of Howard county, Indiana, was there educated in the public schools, and in young manhood came to Lancaster township, Huntington county, and was married to one of that locality's native daughters. They settled down to agricultural pursuits, in which they continued to be engaged throughout their active careers, and both have now passed away. Mr. Allen was married twice, and had six children, namely: Mary J., who is the wife of John Miller; Joseph E., of this review; and John M., Ella May, Frank and Dow, who are all deceased.

Joseph E. Allen was a small lad when his parents brought him to Jefferson township, and here he grew to manhood amid rural surroundings. He secured liberal educational advantages in the district school in the vicinity of his father's farm, and when not engrossed in his studies was engaged in assisting his father in the work of the homestead, thus growing to sturdy manhood with an alert mind and a strong and well-trained body. In October, 1880, he founded a home of his own when he was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Amanda Rinehart, of Jefferson township. Of the five children born to this union four are still living: Russell, a graduate of the common schools, who married Glagie Myers, and is now engaged in successful farming operations in Jefferson township; Everett, a graduate of the common schools, who resides at home and assists his father in the work of farming; Miss Edith, who lives at home with her parents; Cleatus, the baby, who is one and one-half years old.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Allen settled on the farm which they now occupy, and which through conservative and well-directed effort has been brought to a high state of cultivation. In his work Mr. Allen has kept abreast of the progress of the times and is a recognized

leader among the agriculturists and stockraisers of Jefferson township. The consensus of opinion regarding him is altogether favorable and the high esteem in which he is uniformly held comes as a tribute to his high business and personal worth. His farm is well equipped with improvements of the most modern character, as Mr. Allen is a firm believer in the use of the latest inventions, discoveries and methods and the gratifying results which he has achieved are testimonials to the effect that his judgment is of the best. He has a comfortable and well-appointed residence, a commodious and substantial barn and well-built outbuildings, his well-bred cattle are fat and content, and all in all his property is one which creates a favorable impression upon the visitor and yields Mr. Allen a handsome income.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Otterbein, Mr. Allen being a member of the board of trustees. In political matters he supports the principles of democracy, and has been prominent in the affairs of his township, especially in the line of good roads, being appointed under the laws of the county as superintendent of gravel roads for Huntington county and having jurisdiction over the Beck, Shaw, Green, Searles, Detamore, Wearley, Cross, Nunamaker, Trout and Hawkins gravel roads. His public service has been characterized by conscientious devotion to duty, and as a result he is known as one of the helpful men of his community whose activities are potent factors in its development.

Henry Trout. One of the honored residents of Huntington county who for long years has borne a conspicuous and active part in its agricultural affairs, who is now in a green old age, and who still takes a keen interest in those things which make for progress and advancement, is Henry Trout, the monument to whose labors is a finely cultivated farm located five miles west and one-half mile south of Warren, in Jefferson township. A veteran of the great Civil war, through which he fought valiantly as a soldier in the ranks of the Blue, Mr. Trout has at all times shown himself a patriotic and public-spirited citizen, whose devotion to duty and to friendship has gained him the unqualified esteem and respect of those among whom his career has been passed.

Henry Trout was born on his father's farm in Highland county, Ohio, March 7, 1843, and is a son of Robert W. and Nancy (Allison) Trout. They were natives of the Buckeye state, where they were reared, educated and married, and shortly after their union started out for Huntington county, the journey being made in a wagon. They settled on the Beck gravel road, three and one-half miles west of Warren, where the father had a lease on 160 acres of land, but after several years there he passed away and the widow was left with her six sons. They were given but small opportunities to secure educational advantages, but were industrious and ambitious youths and took up their father's work where he had laid it down, and during the twelve years that the family lived on the leased farm managed to bring it under a good state of cultivation. Henry Trout had just passed his eighteenth year when

the Civil war broke out. He was filled with patriotic ardor, but it was not until 1862 that he was able to leave his duties at home and join the young men of his neighborhood in going to the front to defend the country's flag. At that time he became a private in Company E, Seventy-fifth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served with this command until the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox virtually put an end to hostilities, and Mr. Trout was mustered out of the service and received his honorable discharge at Indianapolis. During his service he participated in numerous important and hard-fought battles, including Chickamauga, Hoovers Gap and the engagements of the Atlanta campaign, and at Atlanta received a wound in his right leg which incapacitated him and confined him to the hospital for two months. He at all times showed himself a brave and faithful soldier, cheerfully performing the duties assigned to him and earning alike the admiration of his comrades and the respect of his officers.

When his services to his country were completed, Mr. Trout returned to Huntington and courageously resumed the battles of peace. His subsequent career has been passed in agricultural operations, and at this time he is the owner of forty acres of good land, a farm which he has brought to a fertile and cultivated state. In the management of his affairs Mr. Trout has shown himself a capable and reliable business man. Every trust reposed in him, whether of a public or private nature, has been fully discharged, and he has proved himself in all the relations of life an earnest, honest, upright man, and a citizen of whom any community might be justly proud. He has always been progressive by nature, and in the campaign of 1912 joined the new party of that name, but, while he takes a keen interest in matters of public importance and gives due consideration, he has never cared for public office.

Mr. Trout was married in Huntington county to Miss Isabella Taylor, whose death occurred in 1883, and they became the parents of three sons, as follows: Theodore, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Grant county, married Miss Elinore Jones; Samuel N., who is single and is carrying on operations on the home farm in Jefferson township; and John M., also a successful farmer of this township, married Sarah E. Roberts and has one son, Alvah W. For his second wife Mr. Trout married Mrs. Sarah Eveline Laymon. The members of this family are all widely known in Jefferson township, and have many friends, drawn to them by their sterling traits of character.

Isaac Smith. Jefferson township, Huntington county, comprises a community of which any section of the great state of Indiana might well be proud, on account of the enterprising class of farmers constituting it and the high moral standard maintained by the leaders of society and business life throughout its extent. Among these is found Isaac Smith, who by his steady habits of industry has gained a competence, and by his steadfast integrity and honorable dealing has established and maintained a reputation as one of his community's reliable and useful men. There may be a feeling of family pride when an indi-

vidual may point to his lands and possessions as properties secured and given to him by his ancestors, but it must be much more gratifying to realize that one is the builder of his own fortunes and that the credit belongs to himself for obstacles overcome and successful results accomplished. Mr. Smith has made his own way in the world, and through his own efforts has reached a place of independence.

Isaac Smith was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, March 30, 1872, and is a son of William H. and Emma (Wildemuth) Smith, natives of the Buckeye state. They were reared and educated in their native locality, there met and married and settled down to housekeeping on a farm. About the year 1886 they brought their family to Huntington county, Indiana, and located on a farm in Wayne township, where they continued to make their home to the present time. They are widely known and highly esteemed in their adopted community, have at all times done their full duty in discharging their responsibilities as citizens, and have been the parents of nine children, of whom seven have been reared to man and womanhood and are living at this time: Mary, who is the wife of Ira Fisher; Isaac, of this review; Ida, who is the wife of Earl Wilds; Daniel, who married Ona Messersmith; John, who married Mabel Spair; Amanda, who is the wife of William Carmichael; and Orpha, who is the wife of Chester Holmes. All the children were reared to habits of industry and honesty, given good educational advantages, and fitted for the places they have been called upon to fill in the world, and all have proven credits to their community and their training.

Isaac Smith received his early educational training in the public schools of Fairfield county, Ohio, and when thirteen years of age accompanied his parents in their journey to Huntington county. After settling in Wayne township, he completed his education in the district schools, in the meantime being reared in agricultural duties and trained in the many things necessary for the successful farmer to know. When he reached maturity, he embarked in activities on his own account as a tiller of the soil, and has continued to work with such energy and good judgment that today he holds a firmly established position as one of his community's substantial men. He owns a tract of ninety acres, located five miles west of Warren, upon which he has a set of substantial buildings, including a modern residence, handsomely and comfortably furnished, and the various improvements which he has made are attractive in appearance and modern in character. He is a man of exemplary habits, commendable purpose and unbending integrity, and in all life's relations merits the confidence which is so freely accorded him. Essentially a farmer, he has preferred to devote his attention to the tilling of the soil rather than to the activities of public life, although he refuses his aid to no movement which he feels will be of benefit to his community in any way. He exercises his right of franchise in behalf of the candidates of the republican party.

On March 20, 1894, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Lillie M. Young, who was born on a farm in Jefferson township, Huntington county, December 13, 1870, daughter of Dr. E. T. and Elizabeth (Rodaheifer)

Young, who came to this county from Ohio, and settled in Jefferson township, where Mrs. Smith received her education in the public schools. Dr. Young was a well-known medical practitioner and farmer and a complete review of his career will be found on another page of this work. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Ova, born December 23, 1902; and Ovid, born October 13, 1906.

George W. Click. Maple Grove Farm in Rock Creek township adds not a little to the general prosperity of the community, for it is one of the most productive and well kept spots in the town, and reflects in its every aspect the industry and general character of its owner, George W. Click, who has spent his entire life thus far within the borders of the township. He was born on an adjoining farm on April 3, 1856, and is the son of George and Elizabeth (Morningstar) Click. Both were born in Clark county, Ohio, and were residents there until their migration into Huntington county, Indiana, in the year 1855, when they located on a farm in Section 6, Rock Creek township, and there spent their remaining years.

George Click, father of the subject, died on his home farm on February 14, 1885, and his widow still survives, a resident of Lancaster township. They were the parents of four children: George W. Click of this review was the first born; Mary A. is the wife of J. M. Shidler, of Lancaster township; Jacob A. lives in Salamonie township; Samuel F., of Huntington township.

George W. Click was reared on the home farm, and had his early education in the common schools of the community. As the oldest of the children, he early had to make the acquaintance of hard work on the home farm, and the lot of the average farmer boy was scarcely different from his. When he reached his majority, however, he gained a freedom that had hitherto not been accorded to him, and his earnings were carefully saved and invested, so that he was quite a young man when he became the owner of an eighty-acre farm located about four and a half miles southeast of Huntington, and about six miles west of the town of Markle. His farm is one of the model places of the township, and, in addition to general farming, Mr. Click devotes a good deal of attention to thoroughbred live stock.

Mr. Click married Clara Snowberger, who became the mother of four children: William H. Click, the first born, is a resident of Huntington; Scott S. makes his home in Alberta, Canada. Laura E. is the wife of George Pasko, of Union township. Nina F., the youngest, is single and lives at home.

Mr. Click is a prominent and popular man in his community, being one who displays a healthy interest in all matters of civic import, and he does not disdain the social amenities of life, finding considerable enjoyment in his membership in Amity Lodge No. 285, F. & A. M., and Huntington Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., as well as Huntington Council No. 51, R. S. M.

Politically Mr. Click has added his strength to the ranks of the

GEORGE W. CLICK, LAURA ELIZABETH CLICK PASKO,
ELIZABETH MORNINGSTAR CLICK,
WILLIAM THOMAS PASKO

progressive party, and he has been active in local politics for a good many years. Though never an office seeker, he has nevertheless displayed the interest of a good citizen in the politics of his community, and his influence has always been a creditable one.

EDWARD T. YOUNG. Numbered among the younger generation of agriculturists who are advancing the interests of Huntington county through their intelligent management and well-directed activities is found Edward T. Young, a worthy representative of a respected family and a progressive farmer and stock raiser of Jefferson township. Mr. Young was born on the farm on which he now lives May 11, 1883, and is a son of the late Dr. Edward T. and Amanda (Kindler) Young.

Dr. Edward T. Young was one of the men who have left the impress of their lives and labors indelibly upon the history of Huntington county. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, December 14, 1827, his parents being Edward and Rachel (Miller) Young, the former of Irish and the latter of German ancestry. Edward Young went to Ohio at an early day, settling in Fairfield county, where he purchased a farm, to the cultivation of which he devoted the remaining years of his life. Both he and his wife attained advanced years, he passing away at the age of eighty-one years, while she was ninety-seven years old at the time of her demise. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: David, Margaret, John, James, William, Enos, Thomas, Elizabeth, Mary and Edward T. Doctor Young spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, and when he was a lad attended the common schools, the sessions being held in a little log schoolhouse kept up by subscription. During those early days, the scholars were put to work cutting the wood with which the room was heated, and the teacher boarded around at the different homes a stated period, according to the number of children there were attending school from each family. At the age of twenty-one years Doctor Young rented the home farm, which he conducted successfully for two years, and in 1854, in company with his brother, Enos Young, he purchased 480 acres of wild timber land in Jefferson township, Huntington county, Indiana. In addition to the land being covered with timber, a great deal of it was under water, but in spite of all these handicaps he moved his family to this locality in November, 1854, and here took up his residence, determined to establish and maintain a good home. In coming to this county, the distance of some 300 miles was made by wagon and the roads, axle-deep with mud, wound round through the woods, making the journey a most difficult one, it consuming nine days. A short stop was made in Warren, the town at that time boasting of two business establishments, a blacksmith shop, which was conducted by L. E. Ewart, and a general store run by Myron Smith. On reaching the land in Jefferson township, the family quickly erected a small log cabin, into which they moved. Subsequently the numerous cracks in the cabin were chinked and the windows were covered with sawed boards in order that the winter might be passed in this crude home as comfortably as possible. The winter proved an exceptionally hard one, and

the little party of settlers faced and overcame numerous hardships and privations, but never did they complain nor think of returning to Ohio. Doctor Young was possessed of some money, and he at once began clearing a portion of his land, and by spring had an acre cleared and ready to plant in corn. From that time forward his success was assured, and the farm today is one of the finest and most productive to be found in the county, the primitive home having long since been replaced by a commodious modern residence and substantial barns and outbuildings.

Doctor Young was married in the spring of 1853, in Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Rodaheifer, whose parents were Virginians and migrated to Fairfield county, Ohio, among the earliest settlers. Three children were born to this union, of whom two died in infancy, the other, Lillie M., being now the wife of Isaac Smith, a substantial farmer of Jefferson township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Young passed away in 1875, and the doctor later married Amanda J. Kindler, who was also born in Fairfield county, but had been a resident of Huntington county, Indiana, for many years. One son was born to this union; Edward T., of whom more later.

Prior to coming to Indiana, Doctor Young had studied medicine with an uncle in Ohio, and after locating in Huntington county he purchased books and continued his studies. There was much sickness in this vicinity at the time, with a physician no nearer than Warren, and Doctor Young began to be called upon to treat his neighbors. In this way he gradually built up a practice that extended all over the township, and his reputation steadily grew, while he won a firm place in the hearts and gratitude of the people. At one time he had made up his mind to locate in some town to engage in the practice of his calling, but when his neighbors and numerous friends heard of his decision they protested and finally prevailed upon him to remain. He sacrificed his ambition to their wishes, and continued in active practice until 1897. Doctor Young was reared a democrat, but when he "began to think for himself" (as he often expressed it) he transferred his allegiance to the republican party. He was elected trustee of Jefferson township, a position in which he displayed marked ability and was able to do much to further his township's interests, particularly in the way of educational facilities. He and Mrs. Young were consistent members of the Presbyterian church, which they attended at Marion. When Doctor Young passed away on March 21, 1904, his community lost a man who in every avenue of life's activities had never failed in his duty to his community, his fellowman and himself.

The only son of his parents, Edward T. Young was reared on the home farm in Jefferson township and secured a liberal education in the district schools. His entire career has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and at this time he is the owner of 230 acres of well tilled land, with excellent buildings and improvements, which he is making pay in full measure for the labor he expends upon it. He is progressive in his business ideas and methods, believes in the use of modern inventions and

appliances, and is the owner of a late model Reo automobile, which he uses both for pleasure and for business. Politically he is a republican but has never taken a prominent part in public life.

Mr. Young was married February 28, 1906, to Miss Anna Hart, born in Huntington county, a daughter of Frank Hart, and to this union there has come one daughter: Bernice, who was born May 13, 1913.

Ora E. Roberts. He whose name initiates this paragraph has secure vantage-place as one of the representative farmers of his native county, and the general appearance of his attractive homestead farm gives patent evidene of thrift and prosperity. His farm is situated in Jefferson township, Huntington county, and on the old homestead farm of his parents, in Section 12 of the same township, his birth occurred on the 23d of November, 1877. He is a son of William W. and Sarah E. (Morris) Roberts, who now reside in Warren, this county, and who are numbered among the highly esteemed pioneer citizens of Huntington county, the father having been long and prominently identified with the promotion of the agricultural industry in this favored section of the state. Of the four children three are now living: Lillie E. is the wife of Jonas E. Mason, of Noblesville, this state; Ora E. is the immediate subject of this review, and Orva M., who likewise is a substantial farmer of Jefferson township, married Miss Delilah Brubaker.

Ora E. Roberts was about one year old at the time of the family removal to the farm now owned by George S. Morris, and after three years removal was made to the present Roberts farm, the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 28, Jefferson township. Mr. Roberts was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and early began to gain practical experience that has been of inestimable value to him in his independent operations as an agriculturist and stock-grower. As a boy and youth he attended the district schools during the winter months, when his services were not in requisition in connection with the work of the home farm, and he remained with his parents until the time of his marriage, since which he has been aligned as one of the progressive and successful farmers of his native county. In politics Mr. Roberts is a stanch prohibitionist and votes in accord with his inviolable convictions, though he has had no desire for public office. He and his wife are members of the Wesleyan Methodist church, in which they are actively identified with Plummer Chapel, in Jefferson township.

On May 6, 1899, the holy bonds of wedlock united the life destinies of Mr. Roberts and Miss Laura B. Smethers, who was born and reared in Huntington county, and who is a daughter of John A. and Eliza (Cecil) Smethers. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have two children—Marcus D., who was born August 8, 1904, and who is now attending the district school; and Hester D., who was born March 10, 1914.

James Riley. Among the men of Huntington county who are maintaining this section's supremacy in the field of agriculture, James Riley is worthy of more than passing mention. After a long career of in-

dustry and usefulness to his community, he is the owner of a good farm in Wayne township, and his worth as a man and a citizen is evidenced by the high esteem in which he is universally held. He was born in Mercer county, Ohio, March 25, 1855, and is a son of John and Mary (Allen) Riley.

John Riley was born in County Louth, Ireland, and was a poor emigrant lad when he came to the United States. In New York City he was married to Miss Mary Allen, who had been born in the same county in Erin, and in 1846 they emigrated to Mercer county, Ohio, and established a home. Although he had no financial means or influential friends, Mr. Riley had ambition and determination, and succeeded in accumulating a farm of forty acres on which he continued to carry on agricultural operations throughout the remainder of his career, both he and his worthy wife passing away in Ohio. They were the parents of six children, as follows: James, of this review; Patrick, who is still a resident of Mercer county, Ohio, engaged in farming the old homestead place; Jennie, on home place, who is single; Mary C., who is the wife of William Ax, of Mercer county; Sarah, who is the wife of John McAvoy, of Auglaize county, Ohio; and John, who has large oil interests at Colingo, California.

The homestead farm in Mercer county, Ohio, was the scene of James Riley's boyhood youth, and the schools of that vicinity furnished him with his literary training. His educational advantages were not extensive, as they were confined to about three months each year during the winter, and at the age of sixteen years he laid aside his books to devote his whole energies to his farming operations. At the age of twenty-one years he left his parents' home and faced the world on his own account, going to the West and taking up a pre-emption in Ness county, Kansas. There he spent five years, at the end of which time he came to Indiana, and, locating in Van Buren township, Grant county, accepted employment in the oil fields as a pumper. He was thus engaged for some eight years, in the meantime carefully saving his earnings, so that he was able to come to Wayne township and purchase a tract of eighty acres, to which he subsequently added thirty-five acres, and on this property began his agricultural operations.

On January 26, 1899, Mr. Riley was married to Miss Mary E. Hatfield, who was born in Howard county, Indiana, and she died December 23, 1908, having been the mother of two children: John, born April 22, 1900, and now in the seventh grade of the public schools; and Mary, born April 13, 1904, who is a pupil in the fourth grade. Mr. Riley has clearly won the right to the title of self-made man. Every dollar that is his today has been won fairly and through his own efforts, for when he entered upon his career he was without funds and was forced to depend upon his own resources in able to get a start in the world. Today he is one of the substantial men of his community, and his career should prove encouraging to those who feel that they are handicapped in life by a lack of financial support. He is a quiet, unassuming man, who has had no desire to hold public office, although ever ready to aid

his community in any possible way. He exercises his franchise in behalf of the candidates of the republican party. In fraternal matters he is associated with Mount Etna Lodge, No. 304, F. & A. M., in which he has numerous friends, as he has indeed in all avenues of life's activities.

Asa W. Bonham. Huntington county has many fine farms and many prosperous farmers, and one of the men who has most ably cultivated his own ability and the resources of land is Asa W. Bonham of Salamonie township. Mr. Bonham has demonstrated that his peculiar fitness among the world's workers has been for the development of farming and stock enterprise, and through this avenue has done his greatest service not only to himself but to society. His life has been one of quiet but effective performance, has seldom brought him into politics or the conspicuous walks of the world, but in his relations to the community and in what he has accomplished has reason to be exceptionally well satisfied with his career.

Mr. Bonham is known as the proprietor of the Cherry Lawn Farm, comprising three hundred and ninety-five acres located a mile north and three-quarters of a mile east of Warren, in Sections 15 and 21 of Salamonie township. Mr. Bonham was born in Rock Creek township, Huntington county, April 12, 1871, and though still in his early forties has won undoubted success. His parents were Carey W. and Sarah E. (Brown) Bonham. Both parents located in Huntington county when quite young. Carey Bonham came from Fairfield county, Ohio, with his father, who located in Rock Creek township and he grew up in that locality and was a prosperous farmer. The family moved to Marion, Indiana, and he spent his last years there. There were six children in the family, five of whom are still living, namely; Asa W.; Russell E.; Minnie C., wife of Samuel E. Culbert of Huntington; Mary E., wife of T. J. Redding of Rock Creek township, Wells county; Bertha J., wife of W. E. Pribble of Rock Creek township.

The early training of Asa W. Bonham was in the country, his boyhood was spent on the farm in Rock Creek township, and his education was supplied by the district schools of that community. From the time he was eighteen his energies have been directed toward farming and stock raising, and each succeeding year has seen a notable increase in his prosperity and along with experience has come greater capabilities as a tiller of the soil and a manager of his growing resources. On November 12, 1892, Mr. Bonham married Emma A. Thompson, daughter of John H. Thompson. Mrs. Bonham was born in Salamonie township, and like her husband received an education in the local schools. To their marriage have been born seven children, named as follows: Howard W., who is a graduate of the Warren high school and now lives at home and assists his father; Edith L., a graduate of the Warren high school, also at home; Mary E., who finished the common school course and is now a student in the Warren school; Elijah R., fifteen years of age and who has finished the common school course; while the younger children are Ruth E., Lucy, and Bertha G.

The family worship in the Christian church at Warren, and Mr. Bonham is an elder in that denomination. While a Republican in politics, he has seldom taken much part in party affairs, and has been content to contribute to the advancement of the community through his individual business. Besides the Cherry Lawn Farm, Mr. Bonham owns one hundred and sixty acres in Rock Creek township in Section 35, and one hundred and eighty-eight acres in Section 6 of Liberty township in Wells county. His wife is also one of the land owners in this section of Indiana, having two hundred and forty acres in Sections 5 and 6 in Liberty township of Wells county, and the two together have aggregate holdings of nine hundred and eighty-three acres in both counties. Further than a statement of these facts, it is not necessary to comment upon their position as among the prosperous people of Huntington county, and they deserve well of the present generation and of posterity.

Philip H. Shafer. Since he was sixteen years of age Philip H. Shafer has been a resident of Huntington county, and at that date began to assist his father in the clearing of a portion of the wilderness, and some of the land which his boyhood labors helped to develop is still in his possession. Having lived in Huntington county for half a century, Mr. Shafer bears an unusual relation to the soil in this locality, and presents in his history elements of unusual interest. The difference in the condition of the land now from what it was when the Shafer family first settled here represents not only the achievements of its occupants in cultivating and improving it, but also the general progress of this region since civilization was first planted in it. Personally Mr. Shafer is regarded as one of Huntington county's ablest and most prosperous farmer citizens, and a man who has used his own success not selfishly, but to promote the welfare and progress of his community and has always taken a helpful part in bearing the burdens of his neighbors.

Butler county, Ohio, is the native home of Philip H. Shafer, and he was born three miles northwest of Middletown March 6, 1846. His parents were George E. and Margaret (Wolf) Shafer, who moved to Huntington county in 1863, locating in Salamonie township, where the father bought one hundred and sixty acres of land. That land was covered practically as to every acre by heavy wood, and the original price paid for it was one thousand dollars. The father with the aid of his boys, of whom Philip was the oldest, started in to hew down the trees, to grub the stumps, and clear off a space for cultivation of field crops. That was a tremendous undertaking, and would be yet today, and it is with a natural pride that Mr. Shafer now regards his possession of one hundred acres of the original quarter section, his own toil having assisted materially in the improvement of that place. The parents continued their residence on the old homstead until their death. The father was a devout member of the United Brethren church and one of the leaders in that denomination in Huntington county. There were six

children in the family, five of whom are still living: Philip H.; Emily M., deceased; John W. Shafer, of Bluffton, Indiana; Mary A., wife of Jasper Jones of Warren; Sarah, who is unmarried and lives at Decatur, Indiana; and Jacob E. Shafer, of Salamonie township.

Philip H. Shafer when the family moved to Huntington county in 1863 was already at an age where he was ready to take up the serious responsibilities of life. His education had been acquired by attendance at the district schools of Butler county, Ohio, and the intervals had been filled in by practical training in the work of farm and household. However, he continued his education by one term in Huntington county. When he was twenty years of age he started out to win his fortune, having no capital, and after working for two years was given a small piece of land by his father. His subsequent prosperity has been the result of his steady labor, economy, good business judgment, and from the generous reward which Indiana agriculture has paid to all its devotees during the last half century.

Mr. Shafer first married Mary J. Thompson, daughter of Ebenezer and Pamelia (Ware) Thompson, who were early settlers of Salamonie township. Mrs. Shafer lived as wife and mother for sixteen years, and in that time six children were born, three of whom are yet living, namely: George E. Shafer; Jennie A., wife of Charles F. Bonewitz, of Michigan; and Fannie A., wife of Perry Keller of Huntington. After the death of his first wife Mr. Shafer was married on June 23, 1884, to Sarah L. E. Ruble, who was born in Salamonie township August 29, 1862, a daughter of Jonathan and Ruth (Ruse) Ruble. To this marriage were born eight children, six of whom are living in 1914, namely: Mildred L., who graduated from the common schools and is now the wife of Webster J. Thompson; Ruth E., wife of Ernest Poling; Harry P., a graduate of the common schools and who married Dalta Garretson; Howard M., who finished a common school course and lives at home; Frances E. W., who has also finished her work in the common schools and is now at home; Weir L., who is thirteen years old and completed the grade school work in 1913.

The family attend worship in the Christian church at Buckeye, Indiana, and Mr. Shafer is very much interested in church affairs. Politically he was always a straight republican up to the campaign of 1912, when he accepted the principles and platform of the new party and voted as a progressive. His many years as a practical farmer has brought ample possessions, comprising four hundred and seventy acres of fine farm lands in Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23 in Salamonie township, situated three miles northeast of Warren on the Marion and Bluffton Pike. At the same time he has employed his prosperity to give his family all needed comforts and luxuries, and the children have all been well trained both at home and in school.

Solomon F. Johnson. The Johnson stock farm, of Salamonie township, located two miles north and one mile east of Warren, has for a number of years borne a high reputation among the live stock interests

of Huntington county. It is noted as a breeding farm for Guernsey cattle, Shropshire sheep and Duroc hogs, and its owner has jealously guarded the substantial reputation of his stock, and as a result there are few men in the county who have upheld the standards of the stock business more uniformly. Mr. Johnson's farm is one of the best kept and managed in Huntington county, and its proprietor is thoroughly versed in his present profession. From the highway his farm impresses a traveler as one of more than ordinary good management, and besides the comfortable residence, the barns, sheds and feed lots, one feature that proves the modern spirit of enterprise is the fine silo, and a number of other first-class improvements might be cited as an evidence of Mr. Johnson's enterprise.

For a number of years Mr. Johnson was identified with education in both Huntington and Wells counties, and the success associated with his name as a teacher has been continued in his present vocation. Solomon F. Johnson was born on a farm in Salamonie township in April, 1863, a son of Solomon and Margaret (Wright) Johnson. His mother was born in West Virginia and his father in North Carolina, they were married in the east, and came to Huntington county at an early day, settling in Salamonie township, which continued to be their residence the remainder of their lives. They came to this county comparatively poor, but lived to enjoy a reasonable degree of comfort and prosperity and did well by their children. The father was an elder and quite prominent in the work of the church. Of the nine children six are still living, namely: Levi, of Wells county; George, of Wells county; Albert, of Wells county; William, of Huntington county; Sarah J., wife of Eli Cox, of Wells county; and Solomon F.

The district school which supplied Mr. Johnson's early training and with which his first associations of school life are connected was known as the Swamp school, and he later attended the Wells county Normal and Valparaiso College, taking the normal courses in preparation for his work as a teacher. For seventeen years Mr. Johnson was one of the capable instructors of the young in Wells and Huntington counties, and all of his work was done in the district schools. In that time he had charge of schools with enrollment running from fifty to eighty-seven pupils, and there are hundreds of these pupils now active men and women who remember with much gratitude his kindly and helpful services as a teacher during their youth. On leaving the work of the schoolroom Mr. Johnson spent four years in the S. A. Pulse store at Warren.

Mr. Johnson married Hattie B. (Mallow) Van Camp. She was a daughter of H. M. Mallow, and by her marriage to Mr. Van Camp has one daughter, Ruby, a student in the Warren high school. Mrs. Johnson received her education in the common schools and is a graduate of the Warren high school. Mr. Johnson affiliates with King Lodge No. 246, A. F. & A. M., and with Salamonie Lodge No. 392, I. O. O. F., and also with the Encampment. He is Past Grand and Past Chief Patriarch of the Odd Fellows and both he and his wife are members of the Lodge of

Rebekahs of which she is a Past Grand. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and quite active in local and county party affairs.

George H. Thompson, Jr. Few Huntington county families have been more closely identified with the agricultural activities and the good citizenship of the county than that of Thompson, represented by George H. Thompson, Jr., whose valuable and productive farmstead is in Salamonie township. Mr. Thompson is a native son of Huntington county, and representatives of three preceding generations have lived in the county beginning with the pioneer times. It is now more than seventy years since the family became identified with Huntington county.

George H. Thompson, Jr., was born on a farm half a mile north of Buckeye, October 9, 1852. He is a son of Ebenezer and Mary A. (Richards) Thompson. Ebenezer Thompson was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, a son of John H. Thompson, and a grandson of Ebenezer Thompson. They all came north and located in Huntington county in 1842, Ebenezer Thompson settling in Union township, while John H. Thompson located in Salamonie township. The latter was a resident of Salamonie until 1870, when he moved into the town of Warren, and remained there until his death. Ebenezer Thompson, father of George H., was seventeen years of age when the family located in Salamonie township, and was married in Jackson township of Wells county. Of the seven children born to their union five are still living: Ezra, of Marion, Indiana; George H., Jr.; Lewis Thompson of Marion; Byron E., of Salamonie township; and Lucretia Thompson of Liberty township in Wells county.

The old homestead in Salamonie was the scene and afforded the environment for the early boyhood of George H. Thompson. While attending district school No. 6 about three months every winter he was trained under the careful supervision of his father in habits of industry and honesty, and from an early age has been more than self-supporting. One of his early lines of work was in connection with a sawmill, and he worked about the mill and also hauled logs to be cut up into lumber. As a result of his thrift and work he gradually acquired the means which enabled him to make a start in life on his own account.

In March, 1881, he married Arminta Fix. She was born in Jackson township of Wells county, attended the common school, and for more than thirty years has faithfully performed her duties as wife and mother. After their marriage Mr. Thompson and wife moved to the quarter section, one hundred and sixty acres, where he now lives. While this is now one of the best improved farms in the neighborhood, it is so largely as a result of the labor and management of Mr. Thompson, who has put in ditches and tile, has extended the area of cultivation, has put up new buildings, and in many ways has increased the value and fertility of his land.

He and his wife are the parents of eight children still living in 1914, namely: Forrest Thompson, who finished the common school course, is unmarried; Charles, also single, is a resident in Oklahoma; Nellie, a

graduate of the common schools, is the wife of Jesse Krinn, of Liberty township in Wells county; Roy, who finished a course in the common schools and Warren high school, is in the employ of the government in Nicaragua; Ora, after finishing the common school was a student in Warren, and is now married and a prosperous farmer in Liberty township in Wells county; Nora married Guy Ware and lives in Wells county; Eugene has finished common school course and is a student in the Warren high school and Nora is living at home. Two children are deceased, Harry H. and Ralph V.

Mr. Thompson in politics has always identified himself with the republican party, but aside from casting his vote regularly has not been a prominent party man. Besides his fine farm in Huntington county he is the owner of half a section of land in Texas.

Hiram U. Satterthwaite is one of the expert farmers and stockmen of Polk township, where through good management, constant industry and consistent perseverance he has risen to a recognized place among the substantial men of his community. He was born in this township, November 22, 1868, and is a son of Hiram and Margaret (Weller) Satterthwaite. The father, one of the pioneer residents of Huntington county, Indiana, was born April 24, 1830, in Warren county, Ohio, the second in order of birth of a family of six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Joel Satterthwaite. His parents and family emigrated to Huntington county in 1840, locating in Polk township, where the parents resided continuously until their respective deaths. Young Hiram Satterthwaite received a common school education, and was reared on the home farm. As he grew to manhood he accepted farming as his life work and remained on the homestead place, superintending the work there until his twenty-sixth year, when, in 1855, he married Miss Margaret Weller, a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, who moved to Polk township with her parents a number of years before. To this union eleven children were born.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Satterthwaite first established their home on a small tract of land two miles west of Mount Etna and a mile south of Monument City. In the years following, by dint of much hard work, economy, perseverance and push, always guided by the valuable counsel of his wife, Mr. Satterthwaite became the owner of 700 acres of land in Polk township and the adjacent vicinity. This acreage was kept under a good state of cultivation and the property was improved in a comfortable and substantial manner. Parents of a large family, they lived in the happiness of domestic contentment which was their due, especially in their later years, as they had started life in limited circumstances. Having accumulated a competence of this world's goods and established the members of their family well, Mr. and Mrs. Satterthwaite gave up the active labors of farm life in 1897 and moved to a modernly appointed residence on Henry street, Huntington. By following the high standard of life that was his wont, Mr. Satterthwaite attained an enviable position in the esteem of the community. Many

years he was a member of the Grange society, when that organization was so popularly recognized. In matters political he was a Republican and was the candidate of his party in 1882 for the office of county commissioner, but was defeated by a small vote. On all subjects of interest to the advancement of the community, Mr. Satterthwaite was public spirited, and he stood high in the councils of his friends. He and his wife were stricken with pneumonia about the same time, although he had been in ailing health for about a year. He was in a critical condition previous to the death of his wife, which occurred in March, 1909, and on her demise it was thought that he could not survive the shock. However, he rallied slightly, but at no time was it considered probable that he would leave his bed. Not long after his rally he relapsed again and the vitality of his once sturdy constitution ebbed gradually until he passed away in May, 1909.

Hiram U. Satterthwaite was given a good education in the public schools, and like his father early chose farm work as the field in which to hew out his success. He was married November 26, 1892, to Miss Mary E. Wiles, a descendant of an old pioneer family of Huntington county, her grandfather being a pioneer minister of the Christian church and a well known and highly esteemed citizen of the county. She was born July 21, 1870, in Lancaster township, Huntington county, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Wiles, and reared and educated there. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Satterthwaite, namely: Iris F., a graduate of the common and high schools of Monument City; Hiram P., a graduate of the common schools; and Charles C., also a graduate of the common schools. Mrs. Satterthwaite is a member of the Salamonie Christian church, which is located on a corner of the old homestead farm. In politics he is a republican, and has been an active worker in the party ranks in township and county affairs. He has always been a money maker, because of his industry, and in the management of the old homestead place displays a high order of business ability. Although he engages to some extent in general farming, with which he is thoroughly familiar, he also devotes a great deal of his time to stockraising, and in this branch of agricultural work has attained great success. He is well and favorably known in business circles of the county, and his name is an honored one on commercial paper. Although not a professed member of any denomination, he is ready to assist all religious and charitable organizations, and in every way does all in his power to advance the cause of probity, morality and good citizenship.

Gilbert M. Jennings. Among the substantial agriculturists of Huntington county who are contributing to their community's welfare by their activities in farming and stock raising, Gilbert M. Jennings holds a prominent place. At this time he is the owner of a well-cultivated farm of ninety-one acres, in Polk township, and is also serving in the capacity of township assessor, having also held other positions of responsibility and trust within the gift of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Jennings has been a life-long resident of Polk township, having been

born here on his father's farm in Wabash county, March 7, 1854, a son of William and Debora (Mills) Jennings. His parents were born, reared, educated and married in Warren county, Ohio, and not long after their union migrated to Indiana and located on a farm in Wabash county, on which they spent their remaining years in the tilling of the soil. They were known as honest, industrious and Christian people, and well merited the high esteem in which they were held by their neighbors. Of their six children, three are living at this time: Joseph, a resident of Polk township; Mark W., who makes his home in the city of Huntington; and Gilbert M., of this review.

Gilbert M. Jennings passed his boyhood on his father's farm, and early learned habits of industry and thrift, and when eleven years of age began to be self-supporting. For some years he worked on various farms in Ohio and Wabash county, Indiana, in the meantime accepting such educational opportunities as presented themselves. He was married September 19, 1878, to Miss Sarah J. Miles, who was born in Polk township, Huntington county, January 29, 1861, a daughter of Thomas and Hattie (Keener) Miles, and received her education in the public schools of her native vicinity. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, as follows: Eva, who is the wife of Arthur Lee; Anna, who is the wife of Jacob Caley; Thomas, who married Dora Sanderson; Walter, who married Miriam Coulter; Belle, who is the wife of Glenn Campbell; Cecil, who married Leona Zerby; and Miles, Ralph and Mary, all single, and residing with their parents.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings settled down to housekeeping in Polk township, and here through industry, energetic effort and good management they have developed a handsome and valuable property. At this time the farm consists of ninety-one acres, and is located in section 28, township 27, North, range 8, East, and thirteen and one-half miles southwest of Huntington. Mr. Jennings has had wide experience in his chosen vocation, and is known among his fellow citizens as a skilled agriculturist who is able to make his land pay for every bit of labor expended upon it. He is a believer in the use of modern methods, and is at all times willing to give new inventions a trial. A republican in his political views, he has been an active factor in the success of his party in Polk township, where he has served as a member of the board of supervisors and is now township assessor. In his public offices he has shown a conscientious respect for the responsibilities of his positions and the manner in which he is administering the affairs of his office has but strengthened him in the confidence of his fellow-townspeople. He and his wife are consistent members of the Christian church, and are widely known and have many friends in Polk township.

Charles E. Lawrence. Though he claims the old Buckeye state as the place of his nativity Mr. Lawrence has been a resident of Indiana since his childhood days and here he has achieved definite success and prestige as one of the progressive and representative agriculturists and

stock-growers of Huntington county. He gives special attention to the raising of high-grade live stock, and is the owner of the Eureka Stock Farm, which comprises 180 acres and which is most eligibly situated at a point five miles west of the village of Warren, and on the admirably improved Cross gravel road. Mr. Lawrence is one of the alert, loyal and public-spirited men of Jefferson township, and his success has been on a parity with his energy and well ordered efforts, the while he has the high regard of all who know him.

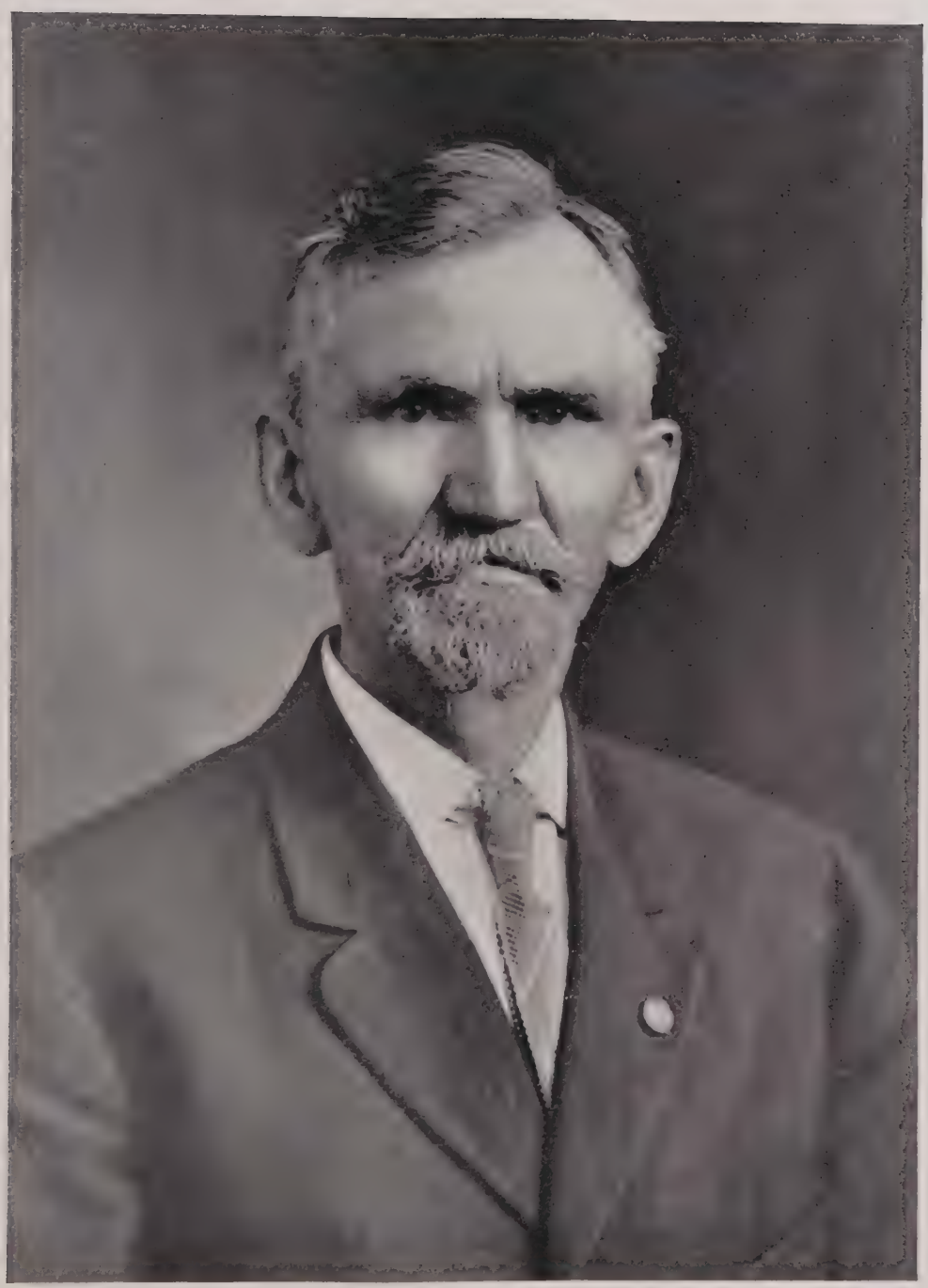
Charles E. Lawrence was born in Adams county, Ohio, on the 8th of October, 1871, and is a son of Jacob and Alice J. (Morford) Lawrence, the former of whom was likewise born in Adams county and the latter of whom was born in Brown county, both families having been founded in Ohio in the pioneer epoch of its history. The parents continued their residence in Adams county, Ohio, until the autumn of 1876, when they made the trip to Huntington county, Indiana, with team and wagon, by the medium of which they transported their household goods and other appurtenances. They first settled on a farm in Rock Creek township, and later they removed to Jefferson township, where the father became a prosperous farmer and valued citizen and where he continued to maintain his home until his death, which occurred on the 7th of February, 1899. His widow still resides in Jefferson township and has a wide circle of friends in the county that has represented her home for two score of years. Jacob and Alice J. Lawrence became the parents of three sons and one daughter: Cora is the wife of Simon Summers, a prosperous farmer of Rock Creek township; William C. is a successful representative of agricultural industry in Jefferson township; Frank, deceased; and Charles E., of this review, is the youngest of the children.

Charles E. Lawrence was four years of age at the time of his parents' removal from Ohio to Indiana and was nine years old when they established their residence on the fine old homestead which is his present place of abode. The land was reclaimed by his father from the virgin forest, and he well recalls the scenes and incidents that marked the gradual progress to effect the development of one of the finest farms in Huntington county. He early began to lend his aid in the work of the farm, applying himself diligently during the summer seasons and giving his time in the winter to the pursuance of educational work in the district schools, in which his advantages were such as to enable him to lay a stanch foundation for the broad knowledge which he has since gained under the direction of that wisest of all headmasters, experience. He has continued the improving of the old homestead farm since he became owner of the property and is a recognized leader in the breeding and raising of high-grade live stock in Huntington county. His farm is also devoted in part to the raising of grain, fruit and to general horticulture in so far as it applies to providing for his own use and placing certain products on the market. Thrift and prosperity are in definite evidence on his homestead, and he is liberal and public-spirited, though entirely without ostentation and without ambition for political office. He is a stalwart supporter of the cause of the Democratic party, and has

given active service in its local ranks. He enjoys unqualified popularity in his community, and his home is known for its democratic hospitality and good cheer. Both he and his wife are zealous adherents of Methodist Episcopal church at Pleasant Plain, and he is a member of its board of trustees.

In Adams county, Ohio, the place of his nativity, Mr. Lawrence found the gentle and gracious young woman who has been his devoted wife and helpmeet. On the 28th of September, 1893, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Ada Carmichael, who was born in Adams county, Ohio, where she was reared and educated, and of this union there are three children,—Earl M., who is his father's able coadjutor in the work and management of the home farm; Eva V., who is a student in the high school at Warren; and Everett, who is attending school in his home district.

Augustus Wasmuth. Edmund Wasmuth. These names introduce a family which for half a century has been prominent in commercial and civic affairs in Roanoke and vicinity, and has probably borne a greater share of responsibility in those directions and has accumulated larger interests than any other single family in this locality. Mr. Augustus Wasmuth has now reached an age when he may properly enjoy the fruits of a well spent career, and has a long look backwards over a life which has been fruitful in a business way and which has included service to his adopted country as a soldier, and in many other ways has been a factor of usefulness to his fellow men. Edmund M. Wasmuth is now in the prime of his vigorous activity as a business man and has made his mark in Huntington county as a member of the state legislature. Augustus Wasmuth was born in Hesse Cassel, Germany, August 26, 1841. With an aunt he came to the United States in 1855, and lived in Starke county, Ohio, until 1858. The latter year was the date of his location in the vicinity of Roanoke. A young man who had received only nominal advantages in the way of schools and had no fortune to begin with, he found employment for his energies as a farm hand at monthly wages. He was still under age when the war broke out, and in September, 1861, he went out to fight the battles of the union as a soldier in company E of the Forty-seventh Indiana Regiment. For nearly four years, or until the close of the war, he continued with the armies of the north, and on returning to Huntington county, in November, 1865, he brought with him a splendid record of service and one which his descendants will always prize. On returning to Roanoke, he found employment as a clerk in the store of J. S. Grim. After two years he formed a partnership with W. K. Windle in the hardware business, and they continued prosperously along that general line until about 1888. Mr. Wasmuth then acquired sole control of the business, and conducted it for several years under the name of A. Wasmuth & Son. From that time forward the enterprise branched out and took on new lines of trade. The firm built an elevator and began dealing in grain, established a lumber yard, and



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made their activities the chief business of its kind in the locality. Later the firm was changed to A. Wasmuth & Son Company, and the business is still conducted under that name, both at Roanoke, and at Andrews, where the company have important interests.

Augustus Wasmuth was married April 18, 1867, to Miss Ellen Grim. She was born in Starke county, Ohio, April 9, 1847, a daughter of Peter and Barbara (Weimer) Grim. The Grim family came to Huntington county about 1852, and various members of the household have been among the capable citizens of this county.

Mrs. Wasmuth died February 26, 1904, after thirty-seven years of happy married life. She became the mother of seven children, as follows: Evaline, who was educated in the public schools and the Roanoke Seminary and is now the wife of Charles L. Hackett; Edmund M.; Arthur D., who is in charge of the lumber business of the firm at Andrews, and is a graduate of the State University of Indiana; Daniel A., also a State University graduate and cashier of the bank at Roanoke; Elizabeth, who graduated from Indiana University, and is the wife of C. E. Endicott, of Andrews; F. L. Wasmuth, who has charge of the hardware department of the firm at Roanoke; H. R. Wasmuth, of Andrews.

Mr. Augustus Wasmuth is affiliated with the Little River Lodge No. 275, I. O. O. F., of which he is past noble grand, and for thirty years served the lodge as treasurer. He keeps up his associations with his old army comrades as a member of William McGinnis Post No. 167, G. A. R., of which he is past commander. For several years he served on the school board. Mr. Wasmuth is a man who has given a splendid account of his talents. He started business with about one thousand dollars in capital, and with the aid of his sons has built up an enterprise whose annual trade runs up into many thousands, and the value of which, as a growing concern, and in its capital investment reaches a figure where it compares favorably with the largest concerns in Huntington county.

Hon. Edmund M. Wasmuth was educated in the public schools, and in the Roanoke Seminary, and was about sixteen years old when he engaged in business with his father. He is exceptionally well known in Huntington county. He is a shrewd business man, always alert, and energetic in anything he takes hold of, and at the same time is admired for his many sterling qualities of character. He is affable, and has at heart not only his own prosperity, but the welfare of his neighbors, and has done much to upbuild Roanoke and vicinity. He has spent all his life in Huntington county, and the county chose one of its really representative men when he was elected and re-elected to the state legislature. Mr. Wasmuth has a beautiful home in Roanoke and an interesting family. He married Blanche Tirey of Detroit, Michigan. Their children are: Pauline, Vona, Augustus, Catherine and Robert.

Joseph L. Wiley. A substantial and prosperous agriculturist of Huntington county, Joseph L. Wiley is proprietor of a fine farm in

Jefferson township, and there occupies a noteworthy position among the more intelligent, enterprising and active citizens. A native of Jefferson township, he was born, September 29, 1860, on the farm of his father, the late William Wiley.

Born and reared in Darke county, Ohio, William Wiley decided when quite young that a change of location would prove beneficial to his finances at least, and about 1845 journeyed on horseback to Huntington county, Indiana. In Jefferson township he entered one hundred and twenty acres of land, in section 4. Remaining a year, he put out a deadening, after which he returned to his old home. A year later, having taken unto himself a wife, he came back with his bride to Jefferson township, and immediately began the improvement of his homestead property. Selling out at the end of ten or twelve years, he bought one hundred and ninety-nine acres of land in section 3, and was there actively engaged in general farming until his death, January 4, 1897. His wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Layman, survived him, passing away October 15, 1912. Of the ten children born of their union five were living in 1914, as follows: Henry, of Lancaster township; Joseph L., with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned; Henrietta, wife of David D. Haire, of Jefferson township; Andrew, of the same township; and William, Jr., of Huntington.

Growing to manhood on the parental homestead, Joseph L. Wiley attended the summer and winter terms of the district school, and while working with his father obtained a practical experience in the art and science of agriculture. After his marriage, Mr. Wiley rented his father's farm on section 12, Jefferson township, for a period of five years. At the end of that time he invested his money in land, buying that part of his present farm lying in section 9. Succeeding well in his farming operations, Mr. Wiley has since added other land by purchase, and is now owner of one hundred and sixty-two acres of fertile and productive land, located in sections 3, 9, and 10, his home being eleven miles south of Huntington, on the Lancaster gravel road, and seven and one-half miles northwest of Warren.

Mr. Wiley married, February 10, 1887, Mary Minton, who was born in Lancaster township, and into their home seven children have been born, namely: Herman E., a farmer in Jefferson township; Dessie E., a graduate of the Lancaster Center High School; William N., who was graduated from the same school; Ora V.; Letitia A. N.; Agnes L.; and Garl L. Politically Mr. Wiley is a republican, and for five years rendered excellent service as assessor of Jefferson township. Religiously he and his wife are consistent members of the Church of the Brethren at Lancaster. Mr. Wiley and his family occupy a pleasant social position among the people of their community, by whom they are respected for their many virtues, and heartily liked for their frank, open-hearted hospitality and genial, kindly manners.

Charles D. Wiley. An energetic, industrious young man, actively engaged in farming, is numbered among the esteemed and valued citizens

of Jefferson township, Huntington county, where he is actively identified with the advancement of the agricultural interests of that part of Indiana. A son of Francis Wiley, he was born July 4, 1885, in Jackson township, Wells county, Indiana.

A native of Huntington county, Indiana, and the descendant of one of its early pioneers, Francis Wiley was born and reared in Jefferson township. After his marriage he removed to Wells county, Indiana, settling in Jackson township, where he continued a resident until his death, October 8, 1888. He married Nancy C. Heaston, who was born in Jefferson township, Huntington county, and there brought up and educated. Left a widow when young, she returned to the home of her father, Jacob H. Heaston, with whom she lived until married to her second husband, Samuel H. Friedley.

Left fatherless when three years old, Charles D. Wiley was brought up in the home of his maternal grandfather, and was educated in the district schools of Huntington county. Becoming a farmer from choice, he bought land in Jefferson township, and is now owner of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter forty acres of section 9, and in the management of his farm is meeting with well merited success, his farm being pleasantly located three miles north, and four miles west of Warren, Indiana.

Mr. Wiley married, December 24, 1908, Ethel I. Bowman, who was born December 5, 1889, in Warren township, and was graduated from the Lancaster Township High school with the class of 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley have two children, namely: Harriette L., born January 21, 1910; and Paul G., born December 20, 1913. Politically Mr. Wiley is a stanch adherent of the republican party.

William Howard Surfus. Ranking high among the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of Huntington county is William Howard Surfus, one of the large landholders of Jefferson township, and the proprietor of Sugar Grove Stock Farm, a valuable estate situated ten miles south of Huntington. A son of Adam Surfus, he was born in Allen county, Indiana, May 10, 1855.

Born in Ohio, Adam Surfus removed to Allen county, Indiana, in early manhood, and there married Experience Fowner, who was born in Virginia. He subsequently removed to Noble county, Indiana, with his family, and there both he and his wife spent their remaining years. Of the twelve children born of their union, the following named were living in 1914; Rebecca, of Kimball, Indiana; Sarah, wife of Albert B. Marker, of Noble county; Emma, widow of Adam Dent, of Chicago, Illinois; John W., engaged in farming in Noble county; and William Howard, the special subject of this brief sketch.

Remaining beneath the parental rooftree until attaining his majority, William Howard Surfus was educated in the rural schools of Allen and Noble counties. As a boy and youth he assisted in the care of the home farm, gaining a knowledge and experience of agricultural pursuits that has since been of inestimable value to him in his chosen occupation.

Thrifty and industrious, he accumulated considerable money while farming in Noble county, and in 1900 came to Huntington county to invest a part of it in land. Locating in Jefferson township, Mr. Surfus bought the Sugar Grove Stock Farm, which contains two hundred and seventy acres of choice land, and he has since purchased eighty acres, the east half, northeast quarter of section 8, Jefferson township, now having title to three hundred and fifty acres. He has a fine sugar orchard of sixty-nine acres, containing about three thousand trees, from which he makes a goodly profit, selling all of the sugar in Huntington.

On March 24, 1881, Mr. Surfus married Emma Dobbins, who was born in Ohio, January 29, 1859, and as a child came to Noble county, Indiana, with her parents. Six children have been born into the household thus established, namely: William C., engaged in farming in Jefferson township, married Dottie Colvin, who was formerly a school teacher; Ray, living at home; Curtis, a high school graduate, and also a graduate of the Marion Normal College; Maria, Forest, and Hazel. Politically Mr. Surfus is an active and earnest worker in the republican party. A pleasant and whole-souled man, he is deservedly popular with all classes of people, having hosts of friends.

Oliver P. M. Miles. Numbered among the enterprising and self-reliant men who are so ably conducting the agricultural interests of Huntington county is Oliver P. M. Miles, proprietor of the Hillside fruit farm, in Jefferson township. He was born August 25, 1864, in Polk township, Huntington county, Indiana, where his earlier years were passed.

His father, Thomas Miles, was born in New York state. He married Hettie A. Keener, a native of Randolph county, Indiana, and for a number of years thereafter lived in Polk township, Huntington county. About 1880 he removed with his family to Jefferson township, where both he and his wife spent their remaining days, his death occurring February 15, 1890, and hers June 18, 1911. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Sarah J., wife of Gilbert Jennings, of Polk township; Evaline, wife of Isaac Eads, of Jefferson township; Oliver P. M., the special subject of this brief biographical sketch; Etta, wife of Martin Spangler, of Michigan; and Ella, wife of William H. Cook, of whom a brief account is given on another page of this volume.

Brought up in Polk township, on a farm, Oliver P. M. Miles obtained his early education in the rural schools, and at the age of sixteen years came with his parents to Jefferson township, which has since been his home. He early began farm work with his father, and finding that occupation congenial to his tastes, as well as profitable, he has continued in it, and when ready to make a permanent location bought his present farm of sixty acres, located on section 16, two miles north, and four miles west of Warren, and twelve miles southwest of Huntington. Mr. Miles is especially interested in the growing of choice fruit, a branch of horticulture in which he has had good success. He has now a choice apple orchard, and a peach orchard of five acres, in which he has eight

hundred trees, and intends ere long to have a large part of his farm devoted to the raising of fruit. He also raises registered stock of a good grade, his hogs being a high-grade Poland-China breed.

On January 29, 1889, Mr. Miles was united in marriage with Anna Cook, who was born in Jefferson township, March 9, 1865, a daughter of Nathan and Martha (Mills) Cook, who were married in 1861 in Ohio, and afterwards settled in Huntington county. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miles, namely: Velma H., wife of Virgil C. Follis, of Jefferson township; Vernie M.; Harmon W.; Willard M.; and Ormal S. Politically Mr. Miles is a republican, and religiously he is a member of the Christian church.

Frank Smelser. Among the prominent residents of Wayne township is Frank Smelser, general farmer and breeder of good livestock, who is numbered among the old residents of this section, having lived here for upward of fifty-six years. He has therefore been a witness to much of its growth and development and as the years have passed by he has so directed his labors that success has resulted, and his methods are of interest to the business world. He has always based his business principles and actions upon the rules which govern strict and unswerving integrity and indefatigable energy, and the monument to his labors is the South Elkhorn Stock Farm, a tract of 192 acres located at Banquo, Indiana.

Mr. Smelser was born in Wayne township, Huntington county, Indiana, October 16, 1858, and is a son of Smith and Mary (Sparks) Smelser, the latter being a daughter of Elder John Sparks, a Baptist minister. Smith Smelser was born in Union county, Indiana, and was reared in Rush county, where he was married to Mary Sparks, who was born in that county, and in 1853 they made their way to Huntington county and settled on a farm in Wayne township. Through his maternal grandmother, Frank Smelser is connected with the famous Daniel Boone, whose niece she was. Smith Smelser passed the remaining years of his life in agricultural pursuits, became one of the substantial men of his community, and passed away in January, 1911, with the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom five are still living: John, who is a resident of Banquo, Indiana; Frank; Albert, a resident of Michigan; Charles H., who is the owner of the old homestead place in Wayne township; and Dr. J. S. H., a practicing physician of Oklahoma. Smith Smelser was a democrat in his political views, but was never a seeker after personal preferment. He and his wife were devout members of the Baptist church and reared their children in that faith.

Frank Smelser was the third in order of birth of his parents' children, and was reared on the home farm in Wayne township which his father had developed. He received a fair common school education and studied to some extent under the preceptorship of his father, who in addition to being a farmer was also engaged in teaching at various times. On January 11, 1880, Frank Smelser was married to Miss Bettie Kind-

ler, who was born in 1856, in Fairfield, Ohio, and educated in the public schools of Ohio and Huntington county, Indiana, her father, Adam Kindler, having come to this state in 1870 and located in Wayne township on a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Smelser had one child, who died when four years old, and they have reared Goldie Smelser, the daughter of Charles H. Smelser, a brother of Frank. She was given good educational advantages and reared to useful womanhood, and August 25, 1906, was married to James L. Goff, who was born in Jefferson township, Huntington county, and is now engaged in farming. They have one daughter: Elizabeth J., who was born September 21, 1907.

Mr. Smelser is a democrat in his political views, and was elected township trustee of Wayne township, but declined to serve as he has never cared for public office, preferring to contribute to his community's welfare rather as a public-spirited citizen than as an official. He has met with success as a general farmer, but has given the greater part of his attention to the raising of stock, and especially as a breeder of fast pacing horses. One of the animals now in his stable is "Lady Costes," a mare with a mark of 2:20. Mr. Smelser is a good business man, shrewd and far-seeing and ready to grasp every opportunity, but his transactions have been carried on in such an honorable manner that he has gained and maintained the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come into contact. His acquaintance is extensive and his friends are to be found all over this part of the county.

Richard Messersmith. Among the men of Huntington county whose labor has been the measure of their success is found Richard Messersmith, who for years has been connected with the agricultural interests of Wayne township. A man of energetic spirit and progressive nature, from small beginnings he has steadfastly fought his way to a foremost position among his community's substantial citizens, and at this time is proprietor of the well-known Sugar Ridge Stock Farm, a tract of 180 acres of valuable land, located one mile south and eight miles west of Warren, and eighteen miles southwest of Huntington. Mr. Messersmith has been a lifelong resident of Wayne township, having been born on a farm in section 35, May 25, 1860, and is a son of Ephriam and America (Dicken) Messersmith, the former born in Wabash county, Indiana, and the latter in Grant county, this state.

Ephriam Messersmith was for some years a successful farmer of Huntington county, but later turned his attention to the manufacture of tombstones and monuments, and in 1862 removed with his family to La Salle county, Illinois. He subsequently became a resident of the city of Streator, in that state, went thence to Monticello, Illinois, and finally returned to Streator, where he passed away. He was a business man of the strictest integrity, a good and public-spirited citizen, and gained and held the respect and esteem of those with whom he came in contact. Ephriam and America Messersmith were the parents of the following children: Hettie Mary, who is the wife of Henry Alf; Richard; George, who is deceased; Effie, who is the wife of Eugene Gentry, and Clara, the wife of Schuyler Lauderback, living near Delevan, Illinois.

Richard Messersmith was two years of age when he was taken by his parents to Illinois, and there he commenced his education in the public schools. He continued to reside in the Prairie state for sixteen years, during which time he followed various vocations, but when eighteen years old returned to Indiana and secured employment as a farm hand, working by the day or the month as labor presented itself. He thus continued for seven years, thriftily saving a part of his earnings, and on September 12, 1885, established a home of his own when he was married. The lady of his choice, Miss Luella Hicks, was born in Grant county, Indiana, March 14, 1864, received good educational advantages and was one of the first graduates of the common schools of Washington township, Grant county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Messersmith located in Jackson township, Wells county, but after one year returned to Grant county, and bought forty acres of land in Washington township. This he operated for several years, after which he disposed of his Grant county interests and came to Huntington county, settling on the present home farm in Wayne township. At that time the farm was in a swale, often soggy and swampy, and covered with rank vegetation, while other parts were almost wholly covered by a dense growth of timber. It looked like a hopeless task to endeavor to develop this into a productive farm, but Mr. Messersmith and his devoted wife settled down to the work, and the greater part of the farm was soon cleared and ditched, and as the years have passed the property has been made into one of the best in the township. It has a good set of buildings and improvements of the latest character, and Mr. Messersmith devotes his time to general farming and the breeding of blooded stock. He has won the right to the title of self-made man. No fortunate family or pecuniary advantages aided him at the outset of his career. Obstacles and difficulties have confronted him, but these he has overcome by determined efforts and, as the years have advanced, he has worked his way steadily upward.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Messersmith: Mary Ona, who is a graduate of the common schools and the wife of Dan Smith, of Wayne township; Earl, who is engaged in farming with his father and resides at home; Edna Fay, a graduate of the common and high schools, who spent one term in Franklin College and is now the wife of Arthur Spaulding, a merchant at Banquo; Josie M., a graduate of the common and high schools, and now single at home; and Clara O., also residing with her parents. Mr. Messersmith is a republican, and has been influential in local and county politics, although not an office seeker. Mrs. Messersmith and three of her daughters are members of the Second Salem Missionary Baptist church.

James E. Price has been an agriculturist of Wayne township for fifteen years, and the favorable opinion passed upon him at the outset of his career has in no degree been changed or modified, but on the contrary has been strengthened by the passing years as he has demonstrated his ability in the line of his chosen vocation. Mr. Price

has been a very busy man, with large interests to demand his attention yet he has found the time and the inclination to aid other progressive and helpful citizens in advancing the locality's welfare and in forwarding the cause of education, morality and good citizenship. Mr. Price was born on a farm in Wayne township, Huntington county, Indiana, June 26, 1878, and is a son of Daniel T. and Lorena H. (Logan) Price. The father, who was for years a successful farmer of Wayne township, is now living a retired life, his home being at Marion, where he is widely known and highly respected. He was twice married, his first wife, the mother of James E. Price, having died in 1902. By his first union he had two children, one of whom died in infancy.

James E. Price was reared on a farm in Wayne township, and in common with other lads of his day and vicinity spent the summer months in the work of the home farm, while in the winters he attended the public schools. He secured better educational advantages than some of his fellows, however, as after he had completed the elementary branches he became a student in the high school, thus securing an excellent training. He was brought up to the work of the farm and trained along lines of industry and integrity, and upon embarking upon a career of his own became a farmer, work in which he has continued to be engaged until the present time. He has been successful in his ventures, so that he has never had any reason to regret of his choice of occupations. He was three years of age at the time he moved to the farm which he now occupies, a tract of 200 acres, of which he took charge at the time of his father's retirement. Mr. Price was married November 7, 1901, to Miss Grace Bradford, who was born in Washington township, Grant county, Indiana, March 29, 1881, daughter of Francis Bradford, a prosperous farmer of that county. Mrs. Price was given a good common school education and her training was one calculated to make her a useful member of her community. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Price settled on the farm on which they now live, and which Mr. Price subsequently purchased from his father. He now has the 200 acres in a high state of cultivation, with improvements of an excellent character and good, substantial and attractive buildings. He believes in the use of modern methods and machinery, through which he has achieved very satisfactory results, and his dealings have always been characterized by the strictest integrity. The fact that he is connected with one of the old and honored families of Huntington county would entitle Mr. Price to mention in this work even if he had not been a factor in the agricultural life of Wayne township and Huntington county. His activity in this relation, however, has had direct bearing upon the development of his community, and the fact that he acts from public-spirited and patriotic motives is indicated by the results which he has accomplished for the general good in various ways. In politics Mr. Price is a democrat, but has never taken any active participation in public affairs, preferring to give his time and attention to his general farming and stockraising operations.

WEADEN W. ERVIN. Huntington county is admirably located for the successful prosecution of farming, for the land is exceedingly fertile, water is plentiful and easily obtained, the climatic conditions are nearly ideal and transportation facilities are unexcelled. However, although the agriculturist here has these advantages, he cannot meet the competition about him successfully unless he carries on his operations according to modern ideas and uses modern improved machinery in his work. That the majority of farmers here are progressive is proven by the number of finely developed farms to be found all over the county, which have placed Huntington among the leading agricultural counties in the state. One of the men who has contributed materially to the activities which have brought about this desirable condition of affairs, a live, energetic and enterprising farmer, is Weaden W. Ervin, of Wayne township.

Mr. Ervin was born in Franklin county, Indiana, September 5, 1861, and is a son of Robert and Sarah (Hall) Ervin, the former born in Franklin county, Indiana, and the latter in England. During the latter sixties, the parents brought the family to Huntington county, settling on a farm in Wayne township, and here continued to spend the remainder of their lives in the tilling of the soil and the establishing of a home for the family. Both passed away here, widely known and highly respected and esteemed by all. They were the parents of five children, of whom three are alive at this time: John, who is engaged in farming in Van Buren township, Grant county; Josie, who is the wife of John Doyle, of Van Buren township; and Weaden W.

Weaden W. Ervin was still a lad when he accompanied his parents to Huntington county, and here his education was secured in the district school during the winter months, while in the summers he worked faithfully on the home farm. He began for himself when he was still in his 'teens, at the age of thirteen was drawing wages, and by the time he had reached his majority had saved himself some capital and was ready to embark upon his career among the world's workers. On October 18, 1888, he was married to Mrs. Mary A. (Gaines) Dicken, who was born in Washington township, Grant county, Indiana, and there educated in the public schools. She was the daughter of George Gaines, and in young womanhood was married to Albert Dicken, who died five years later, leaving two children: George G., of Marion, Indiana; and Bertha A., the wife of Crooks Bish, of Grant county. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin: Charles R., a fermer of Wayne township, who is married; Frank, a graduate of the common and high schools; Oscar G., a graduate of the common schools and a student in the high school; and Mildred A., the baby, born in July, 1907. Mrs. Ervin is a member of the Christian church at Banquo. In politics Mr. Ervin is a democrat but is not active in public matters, although he takes an interest in all matters which affect his community.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin settled on the farm which they now occupy, and which comprises a quarter-section of land in Wayne township. This has been brought to a high state of cultivation through

the persevering and intelligent efforts of Mr. Ervin, who has steadfastly advanced himself to a leading position among his community's agriculturists. He is wide-awake and progressive, and he and his family have a wide circle of friends, to whom the hospitality of their own pleasant home is freely and graciously accorded.

GEORGE W. DUNCAN. Many of the progressive agriculturists of Huntington township are devoting a large part of their attention to the breeding of stock, for the prosecution of which industry the farms of this section are remarkably well adapted. One of the well-appointed tracts devoted to this line of activity is the Cedar Grove Stock Farm, consisting of eighty acres of good land, located in Wayne township at the forks of the Banquo and the Huntington and Marion gravel roads, seventeen miles from Huntington and seven miles from Marion. The proprietor of this property, George W. Duncan, is not only a progressive farmer, but a citizen who upon numerous occasions has shown his public spirit when questions of importance to the community have arisen, and a man who has won the confidence of his fellow townspeople by reason of his strict integrity and straightforward dealing.

Mr. Duncan is a native of Wayne township and was born October 25, 1854, a son of John and Delilah (Bodkin) Duncan. His father, a native of Scotland, emigrated to the United States when a young man, settling in Shelby county, Ohio. Following his marriage to Delilah Bodkin, who was a native of that county, he came, in 1842, to Huntington county, Indiana, located in Wayne township, and here passed away in 1855 after some years spent in agricultural pursuits. The mother, who was born March 23, 1822, died August 25, 1874. They were the parents of seven children, of whom four are now living: Elizabeth, who is the widow of Archibald Moore; Leann, who is deceased; James, who is a resident of Polk township; Louisa, the widow of William Benson, of Grant county; Rachael, deceased, who was the wife of George Roberts; Thomas, who is deceased; and George W.

George W. Duncan was reared in the vicinity of Banquo, and his education was received in the district school located at that place. He was brought up to follow the pursuits of agriculture, and when not attending school was engaged in assisting his father in his farm work, remaining under the parental roof until reaching the age of twenty-two years. He was married October 2, 1886, to Miss Martha C. Robbins, who was born near Richmond, Indiana, August 24, 1855, was brought to Huntington county by her parents when she was seven years old, and was educated in the Hann school north of Banquo. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan: Rhoda, who was the wife of John Carl, a resident of Marion, Indiana, and has six children. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan are members of the Missionary Baptist church, and attend services at the Second Salem church of that faith. He is interested in fraternal matters, being a member of Mount Etna Lodge No. 304, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, past grand thereof and a member of the Grand Lodge of the state. In politics he is a democrat,

but has not been particularly active in public affairs, except as they have affected his immediate community. With other good and public-spirited citizens he has endeavored to advance movements for the welfare of Wayne township and Huntington county and has withheld his support from no enterprises which have promised to advance education and morality.

Mr. Duncan has always been engaged in general farming, but of late years has made a specialty of raising stock, and has met with much success in breeding Duroc and Poland-China hogs. He has made a careful and thorough study of his vocation and has met with success because of his intelligent application of modern methods in his work. Among those who know him he is recognized as a man of sterling integrity and his friendships are limited only by the number of his acquaintances.

HOWARD LEE. Methods in the field of agricultural work have changed very materially during the past several decades, and now that even the chief executive of the nation is taking a deep interest in progression among the farmers, there is every reason to suppose that still further advance will be made along all lines in this vocation. Interurban service, the telephone and the automobile, with the consequent bettering of the roads on account of the latter, have brought the farmers much closer together and have placed them in close touch with the various large business centers, and as a class the men today who devote themselves to the cultivation of the land are more independent than any other workers in the world. Huntington county has its full quota of live, progressive men who are taking advantage of the benefits to be derived from this nation-wide advancement, and among them is found Howard Lee, of Wayne township, whose fine farm of seventy acres is located on the Banquo turnpike, one and one-half miles south of Banquo and nine miles north of Marion.

Mr. Lee was born on a farm in Van Buren township, Grant county, Indiana, March 3, 1867, and is a son of Joseph and Lucetta (Compton) Lee, the latter of whom is deceased, while the former still survives and is a retired farmer of Van Buren township. The father was for many years engaged in tilling the soil in Grant county, and as a hard-working and energetic man accumulated a good property. He has been the father of nine children, of whom seven are living: Angeline, who is the wife of Stephen Baker; Malinda, who is the wife of W. M. Boller; Phoebe, who is unmarried and resides with her father in Grant county; Susan, who is the wife of W. O. Endsley; Anna, who is single and resides with her father and sister; Leander and Sarah, who are both deceased; and Howard.

The boyhood of Howard Lee was passed on his father's farm in Grant county, where during the long summer months he worked with his brothers in the cultivation of the soil, receiving an excellent training for the work to which he intended to devote his life. In the meantime his education was secured in the district schools. Mr. Lee remained

under the parental roof until his marriage, in 1892, to Miss Flora Tinkel, who was born in Washington township, Grant county, and at that time they came to Wayne township and located on the property which they now make their home. This is known as the Ingleside Farm, and is a tract of seventy acres which has been brought to a high state of development under Mr. Lee's intelligent treatment. He is a man of good business ability, capably managing his extensive farming and stock-raising interests, so that his labors are bringing to him very desirable and gratifying results, thus placing him in the front ranks of the leading citizens of his township. Politically, he is a republican, but has never taken a very active part in politics.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee are the parents of seven children: Emery J., who is married and lives at Banquo; Bertha, a graduate of the Banquo High school; Wilbur C., a graduate of the common schools; Lucille; Mary; Galen B., and the baby, Verley, who is five years old. Mr. and Mrs. Lee are widely known in Wayne township, where the hospitality of their pleasant home is freely extended to their numerous friends.

John Neuer. When on November 16, 1909, the spirit of John Neuer passed from earth there was completed and rounded out a life that may well serve as an inspiration for aspiring youth, through its disregard of difficulties, steadfastness of purpose, energy and accomplishment, sterling worth and helpfulness. In such a life there is inspiration and encouragement for every young man who is constrained to be the architect and builder of his own fortunes, even as this necessity was laid upon John Neuer. He was probably one of the most popular business men that Huntington has known, and seldom has the community been called upon to mourn the loss of a man who had so firmly established himself in the respect of his fellow men.

John Neuer was born in Huntington, Indiana, December 27, 1869, a son of Charles Neuer. His education as to attendance in the schools of his city was somewhat limited, and he early learned the necessity of hard and industrious labor. He was but a lad when he found employment in the shoe shop of Nicholas Fisher, a pioneer merchant of Huntington, and there, with characteristic energy and perseverance, he learned the retail shoe business, thus laying the foundation stone for his future success. His strict fidelity to duty, his alert and energetic manner and his pleasant and obliging disposition soon attracted attention, and he became known as a decided factor in the business of the old institution to which he was attached, and which, largely through his efforts, was enjoying an increased trade. Eventually, with his brother-in-law, A. J. Eisenhauer, he obtained control of the old store, which he had entered not so many years before as an errand boy. Although much devoted to his business, he was a great lover of home and ready to sacrifice anything for the sake of his wife and children. On the morning after his death, the Morning Times said, in part: "With the respect of all who knew him, the friendship of the entire community, the love of his family, and the admiration of his church, John Neuer closed his long drawn-out

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fight for life yesterday morning at 6:55, and Huntington lost a citizen whose character was most worthy of praise. For months, afflicted with an incurable disease, John Neuer fought the weakness that gradually grew upon him, in the hope that some day his deep desire to prolong life would triumph over the malady which claimed him. Hopeful to the last, dominated by a will-power that had enabled him to climb seemingly unsurmountable difficulties, he never ceased his struggle while there remained a spark of vitality in a bit of 'Johnny' Neuer, as hundreds delighted to call him. He was one of the most popular and highly respected men who was ever identified with the business circles of Huntington. Here Mr. Neuer greeted the hundreds who knew him, always with a cordial and happy smile, always alert to please them, and here, too, he continued to prosper in business, and in that which he valued more, the esteem of the community. He was attentive to his own interests, but he never failed to do a favor that was in his power, and when, about two years ago, it became necessary for him to be away from his store at times, no merchant was more greatly missed. Socially, too, Mr. Neuer was prominent. He was a charter member of the local Knights of Columbus. He was a democrat, taking considerable interest in the election of his friends, but in his busy career he never had time to seek office."

In 1895, at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Mr. Neuer was married to Miss Theresa Eisenhauer, the youngest daughter of Baltzer and Theresa (Holzinger) Eisenhauer. Mrs. Neuer, who survives her husband, resides in the palatial brick residence of her father, at No. 1013 Poplar street. She was born and reared in Huntington and educated in this city, attending the parochial and select schools. She is a lady of many accomplishments and presides over her household with grace and dignity. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Neuer, namely: Theresa E., Carl Baltzer, Baltzer A. and Josephine E.

In closing this all too brief review of a man who so forcibly impressed his personality upon the business and social life of Huntington, we are again allowed to quote from the Morning Times:

"Seldom has there assembled in Huntington county a larger or more sincere congregation than gathered at St. Peter and Paul's Church yesterday to pay a last tribute to John Neuer. It was an assemblage that included people of all stations in life, and few, if any, who had not pleasant recollections of the deceased. They were gathered because they had no better way to demonstrate that at some time in their lives the pleasant smile and happy manner of John Neuer had left its impress on their memory.

"Reverend Father Miller, whose personal relations to the deceased as pastor of the church to which he belonged and for which he had labored, made his eulogy all the more touching, speaking of the life of Mr. Neuer from his early struggles to his later successes. He dwelt upon the social, fraternal and religious sides of the character of his subject in a manner that was felt and appreciated by all who knew Mr. Neuer.

"In the vast crowd at the church were two hundred members of

the Knights of Columbus, of which Mr. Neuer was a charter member. There were business men, employes of big industries, retired citizens of Huntington, and even children who remembered the kindly smile of 'Johnny' Neuer. Business practically came to a standstill in Huntington during the funeral. Lawrence Schmidt and W. Leo Haworka of Fort Wayne's Cathedral choir rendered special music and there were a number of others in attendance from Fort Wayne, as well as members of the St. Joseph's Society.

"Pall bearers selected from the Knights of Columbus were: Briney O'Connor, Pat Gorman, Thomas Fallon, George Kindler, Peter Martin, Jacob Arnold and John Pfeister. In charge of the numerous floral offerings were Mrs. Charles Wolter, Mrs. Theo. Torborg and Misses Blanche O'Connor, Anna O'Connor, Josephine Engle and Hilda Becker."

Albert Kem. It is difficult for those who know Albert Kem and recognize in him one of the substantial and prosperous farmers of Wayne township to realize that when he arrived in Huntington county, in 1890, he was possessed of but little capital save a generous share of ambition and determination, and that he was obliged to go heavily into debt to secure the piece of property that formed the nucleus for his present handsome farm. A life of consecutive industry has been crowned with well-merited success and his career is an illustration of the fact that honest labor is the best foundation upon which to build a structure of prosperity.

Mr. Kem was born in Wayne county, Indiana, November 26, 1858, and is a son of George and Celia Ann (Wright) Kem, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Maryland. Each came to Wayne county, Indiana, when young and were there married, in 1870 making removal to Grant county, where both passed away. They were the parents of four children, of whom two are living: Daniel W., who is engaged in farming in Sims township; and Albert. Albert Kem was twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents to Grant county, and about that time he became self-supporting. He attended the schools of Wayne and Grant counties for a short period, but his educational advantages were decidedly limited and the knowledge that he has upon a wide range of subjects today has been gained through his own efforts. He arrived at man's estate without capital with which to embark upon a business career, but applied himself earnestly and industriously to whatever employment presented itself and carefully saved his earnings, so that when he came to Huntington county, in 1890, he was able to make a payment upon 100 acres of land in Wayne township, although he was forced to go into debt for a large part of the purchase price. This indebtedness was liquidated in time through steadfast effort and good management, and Mr. Kem began to add to his original purchase, as well as to the improvements upon his property. At this time he has 240 acres of fine land, clear of all indebtedness, well ditched and under cultivation, and with three sets of modern, substantial buildings, in the immediate vicinity of Banquo. He engages in general farming upon an

extensive scale and also engages in stock breeding, and in both lines has met with well-deserved success. He is a public-spirited citizen and his abilities have been recognized by his fellow-citizens who have elected him to the offices of supervisor and school director. Politically a democrat, he has taken a leading part in township and county affairs, but is not bigoted in his views and as a result has numerous friends throughout this section in the ranks of all political parties.

Mr. Kem was married to Miss Anna Belle Rude, who was born in Adams county, Indiana, and they have become the parents of six children: Nellie L., a graduate of the common schools and now the wife of Clay Shaw of Henry county, Indiana; George W., who graduated from the common schools and took a short course at Purdue University, married Ada Haines and is a farmer in Wayne township; Ray, a graduate of the high school, who was a student in the State Normal school, subsequently became a teacher and married Jessie Stephens; Fred, a graduate of the common and high schools, was for a time a teacher, and is now a student at Purdue University; Elsie, a graduate of the Banquo High school, class of 1914; and Daisy, a student of the public schools. Mrs. Kem and three of the children are members of the Baptist church.

GEORGE W. SEARLES. The utilization of the splendid agricultural resources of Huntington county constitutes the most important industry of this section and among its successful men the greater number are those engaged in farming. To this class belongs George W. Searles, a business man of marked enterprise and keen discernment, who in the careful control of his interests has gained a place among the substantial residents of Wayne township. He comes of an agricultural family, was reared to the pursuits of the farm, and has been a lifelong occupant of the property which he now occupies, so that by practical experience and observation he has gained a thorough knowledge of conditions here, and to this has added a natural ability and an enthusiasm which makes him take pride in his accomplishments.

Mr. Searles was born July 22, 1861, on the farm which he now occupies, and is a son of Alpheus T. and Mary (Rarich) Searles. His father was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and came to Huntington county, Indiana, in 1848, as a young man. Settling in Wayne township, he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and continued to follow the same line of work during the remainder of his active career. On the farm on which George W. Searles is now residing, he settled down to housekeeping with his young bride, who had been born in Warren county, Ohio, and came to Huntington county, Indiana, during the early forties, and she, like her husband, continued to reside here until her death. They were people of sterling traits of character, earnest and conscientious, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew them. They had two children: George W., of this review; and Luella, who married Alex Herrell, lived in Huntington and Grant counties for some years, and passed away at Van Buren, Indiana.

George W. Searles was reared to manhood in Wayne township, where he received a thorough training in agricultural work and at the same time was educated. During the short winter terms he attended district school No. 4, and a great deal of the rest of the year was passed in assisting his father in the numerous duties and hard work of the homestead. His training was an excellent one, fitting him as it did for the position he was to be called upon to fill in life. At the time he was twenty-one years of age Mr. Searles began receiving wages from his father, and from that time forward until he was twenty-seven years old he worked by the day and the month. He was married June 11, 1887, to Miss Mary A. Beekman, who was born in Wayne township, October 20, 1866, a daughter of Eli H. and Elizabeth (Carter) Beekman. She attended Price schoolhouse No. 6, in Wayne township, and has resided here all of her life. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Searles settled down to farming in their present home, Mr. Searles being the owner of 122 acres of fine land in section 24, Wayne township, nine miles north and four miles east of Marion, fourteen miles southwest of Huntington, and eight miles west of Warren. Mr. Searles is one of the practical and progressive farmers of this part of the county, intelligently directing his operations along modern lines and securing good results from his labors. He keeps fully abreast of the discoveries and inventions of his vocation, and has earned the right to be named as one of his community's helpful men. He has had no desire for a public career and interests himself in public matters only as they affect his immediate community, but at all times has shown that he is ready to assist worthy movements. His political support is given to the democratic party. During a lifetime of residence in Wayne township, he has formed a wide acquaintance, and in it he has a large number of warm and appreciative friends.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Searles, of whom one is now living: Dessie E., who is the wife of Ben F. Robbins, an agriculturist of Wayne township, and the mother of one child: Arthur Ray, born December 15, 1912.

Frank M. Stephens. One of the native sons of Wayne township who here holds an assured place in popular confidence and esteem and who is one of the progressive merchants and public-spirited citizens of Huntington county is Frank M. Stephens, who is now serving as assessor of Wayne township. He was born on the parental homestead farm, in this township, on the 28th of November, 1879, and is a son of Andrew J. and Martha A. (Charles) Stephens, who still maintain their home in Wayne township and who are numbered among the well known and highly honored citizens of this part of the county. Of their three children the eldest is he whose name introduces this paragraph; Verne L. is a prosperous farmer of Wayne township; and Iva is the wife of Homer Idle, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Frank M. Stephens was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm and after completing the curriculum of the district school he continued his studies in the village schools until his graduation therein.

He has been closely and effectually identified with agricultural pursuits and he continued as an able exponent of this basic line of industrial enterprise until 1912, in October of which year he purchased a stock of general merchandise in the village of Banquo, where he now controls a substantial and constantly expanding business, his distinctive personal popularity having contributed materially to his success as a merchant. He owns the ground and building utilized in his mercantile business, and he is one of the liberal and progressive citizens of his native township, where his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances. In politics Mr. Stephens is a stanch supporter of the cause of the democratic party, and as a candidate on its ticket he was elected township assessor in 1908, his effective service having led to his continuous retention in this office since that year. He and his wife are zealous members of the Christian church in their home village.

On the 24th of December, 1905, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Stephens to Miss Minnie Bodkin, who was born and reared in Pleasant township, this county, the date of her nativity having been November 17, 1888, and the one child of this union is Charline, a winsome little daughter who was born November 24, 1912.

Jacob L. Charles. The Sunnyside Stock Farm, one of the fine landed estates in Wayne township, comprises one hundred and fifty acres and its pervading atmosphere of thrift and prosperity stands to the enduring credit of its popular owner, Jacob L. Charles, who is a native of Huntington county and a representative of an honored pioneer family of this favored section of the old Hoosier commonwealth. The eligible location of his farm, immediately north of the village of Banquo, adds to its general attractiveness and it shows throughout that he has brought to bear progressive policies and scientific methods in his various operations.

Mr. Charles was born in the township that is now his place of residence and the date of his nativity was April 18, 1859. He is a son of David and Sidney (Coon) Charles, the former of whom was born in Henry county, this state, and the latter in Rush county, though their marriage was solemnized in Wayne township, Huntington county, where they continued to reside thereafter until the close of their long and useful lives. They contributed their quota to the social and industrial development and upbuilding of this part of the county and ever held secure place in the confidence and esteem of all who knew them. Of their eight children seven are still living, and of the number Jacob L., of this review, was the fourth in order of birth; Martha is the wife of Andrew J. Stephens; Joseph E. is a prosperous farmer of Wayne township; Frank M. resides at Marion, this state; Nancy A. is the wife of Job Jennings, of Allen county; Emma is the wife of George Miller, of Huntington county; and John J. is another able representative of the agricultural interests of Wayne township.

Jacob L. Charles was reared to the invigorating life of the farm and after availing himself of the advantages of the local schools of Wayne

township he pursued higher studies in Fort Wayne College, at Fort Wayne this state, a Methodist Episcopal institution that was founded in 1846. During his entire active career Mr. Charles has continued his close association with agriculture and stock-growing, and his success has been on a parity with his acknowledged enterprise and progressiveness, which have made him one of the substantial farmers of his native county, where his course has been so ordered as to retain to him the unqualified esteem of all who know him. From his young manhood until the campaign of 1912 Mr. Charles was found aligned as a supporter of the republican party, but his convictions concerning matters of public import then led him to give his allegiance to the Progressive party, the principles of which meet with his earnest approval. The family home is known for its gracious hospitality.

In September, 1889, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Charles to Miss Eva J. Sparks, daughter of John J. and Emma E. (Hale) Sparks, the former of whom died in 1912 and the latter of whom still resides in Huntington county. Mr. and Mrs. Charles have but one child, and he is a young man whose talents and character have made him do high honor to the name which he bears. This son, John S. Charles, was born December 11, 1892, and after his graduation in the high school at Banquo he completed a course in the Huntington Business University, in which he was likewise graduated with honors. He also studied in the Marion Conservatory of Music, at Marion, this state, is a talented violinist and formerly gave considerable attention to the teaching of music as applied to this instrument. Before he had attained to his legal majority he was made cashier of the Farmers' State Bank of Mexico, Miami county, Indiana, and of this position he still continues the efficient and popular incumbent, besides being a member of the board of directors of the institution.

John W. Mahoney. The agricultural interests of Wayne township are ably represented by John W. Mahoney, who is carrying on extensive operations on the "Nowely Blue Grass Farm," a 200-acre tract in section 26, lying immediately east of Banquo. Born in this township March 6, 1851, he is a son of Hugh and Ruth E. (Johnson) Mahoney.

The Mahoney family was founded in the United States by James Mahoney, the grandfather of John, who was born in Ireland and emigrated to the United States in young manhood. He first settled in Tennessee, but several years after his marriage removed to Rush county, Indiana, and during the thirties took up his residence in Huntington county in the vicinity of Mount Etna, there entering land from the Government and in time becoming one of his locality's sterling and substantial citizens. Through a life of industry and persistent effort he accumulated a goodly tract of land, and his many admirable traits of character won him the esteem and respect of the people in his adopted community. Hugh Mahoney was born in Tennessee, and was a lad when he accompanied his parents to Rush county, Indiana, where he was reared and educated. He came with his father to Huntington

county when still a youth and was here married, settling on a farm and continuing to follow the pursuits of the soil until his death in 1861. Like his father, he was a man of strong character and an industrious workman, and his earnest efforts brought him a competency and the confidence of those among whom he spent his life. He married Ruth E. Johnson, who was a native of Huntington county, and they became the parents of six children, of whom four are now living: Mary A., who is the wife of Frank Ceneweth, a prosperous farmer of Wayne township; John W., of this review; James F., of Wayne township; and Harriet A., the wife of Henry Cecil, a resident of Huntington, Indiana.

The boyhood and youth of John W. Mahoney were passed on the home farm and the greater part of his education was secured in the school of experience, as his assistance was constantly needed on the homestead and he was given little opportunity to attend the district school. He has been a close observer all of his life, however, and has gained a thorough knowledge of a wide range of subjects. At the age of eighteen years he started out to make his own way in the world, his father having died when he was but ten years old, and since then he has been self-supporting. He was married April 30, 1881, to Miss Lena Smethers, and at that time they settled on a tract of sixty acres of land, in which he owned a half interest. From time to time he has added to his land, to his buildings and to his improvements, and he now has one of the handsome farms of the township, equipped with the most modern appliances and machinery and stocked with fine cattle. As a business man he has shown his ability and strict integrity, and his standing as a citizen is high.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney have two children: James Fremont, a graduate of the public schools, who is assisting his father in operating the homestead; and Florence, who is the wife of Clinton Smelser, who lives on a part of Mr. Mahoney's farm and has one child. Although Mr. Mahoney's is now past sixty years of age he is still active and alert, takes an interest in the matters pertaining to his farm and to his community, and apparently has many years of usefulness before him. He is a member of Mount Etna Lodge No. 304, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is past grand thereof, a member of the Grand Lodge, and popular with his fellow Odd Fellows. In political matters he gives his support to the republican party, but has never had the desire to hold public office.

Charles H. Smelser. The birthplace of Charles H. Smelser was the farm on which he now resides in Wayne township and throughout his entire life he has been connected with the work of tilling the soil and with other agricultural interests. He is a man of business ability, of genuine personal worth, and is well deserving of mention in this work as one of the substantial citizens of Huntington county. Mr. Smelser was born in the residence in which he now makes his home, December 5, 1863, and is a son of Smith and Mary (Sparks) Smelser.

Smith Smelser was born in Union county, Indiana, and was a young man when he came to Huntington county, in 1853. He established

his family on the farm in Wayne township where his son now lives, and here passed the remaining years of his life, passing away at an advanced age, January 29, 1911. A man of energy and force of character, he succeeded in his farming operations, developing a handsome property from the woods of Wayne township, at all times proved himself a good citizen, and although of a quiet and unassuming manner was an influence for good in his community. He was a lifelong Democrat, although not an office seeker, and a devout member of the Baptist church. He and his wife were the parents of five sons and one daughter, and of these five children are still living: John, who is a resident of Banquo, Indiana; Frank, engaged in operations in Wayne township; Albert, a resident of Michigan, where he has extensive interests; Charles H.; and Dr. J. S. H., a practicing physician of Oklahoma.

Charles H. Smelser has been a resident of Wayne township all of his life, with the exception of four years which he spent on a farm which he owned in Wabash county. His education was secured in the district schools and as a young man he decided to devote his career to farming, a decision which he has never had cause to regret for in this field of endeavor he has met with a full measure of success. At this time he is the owner of 128 acres of good land, located in section 21, a farm which has been brought to a high and productive state of cultivation. In his work Mr. Smelser has displayed a thorough knowledge of modern methods, and his equipment is of the latest manufacture. Mr. Smelser has always affiliated with the democratic party and has been active in local and county politics. His aid has been an essential factor in the conduct of various interests which have been beneficial to his community, and at all times he has displayed a willingness to co-operate in movements calculated to advance the county's best interests.

On December 26, 1885, Mr. Smelser was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Moore, of Grant county, Indiana, who died July 12, 1889, the mother of two children: Goldie, the wife of James Groff, living with Frank Smelser, her uncle, in Wayne township; and Roger M., born May 29, 1889, a graduate of the public schools, who married Edna M. Charles, daughter of John and Phronia (Everson) Charles.

E. M. Bocock has long been connected with the development of the resources which nature has provided in Huntington county, being well known as a representative of the agricultural interests of Wayne township. A native son of this locality, he has grown up amid its rural surroundings, and his career has been devoted to the tilling of the soil, in which vocation he has been successful because of his persistent and consecutive efforts. In his life the elements of chance have played little part, for he has been the architect of his own fortunes and has won recognition and position through his own ability to grasp and make the most of opportunities.

Mr. Bocock was born on a farm in section 35, Wayne township, Huntington county, Indiana, June 10, 1868, and is a son of Granville and Mary (Culbertson) Bocock. His father was born in Washington town-

ship, Grant county, Indiana, in 1842, and in young manhood came to Huntington county, where he engaged in farming and became one of his community's influential agriculturists. He had the esteem and respect of the people of his section who repeatedly honored him by election to offices of public trust, and on one occasion he was elected coroner of Huntington county but never qualified for the position. He died May 3, 1905, when passed away one of his community's leading men. Mrs. Bocock still survives and is a resident of Wayne township, the mother of three children, namely: E. M.; Maude I., who is the wife of William Martin, of La Fontaine, Indiana; and Silas H., who is successfully engaged in farming in Wayne township.

E. M. Bocock was reared to manhood on the old home place and his education was secured in the district schools in the vicinity thereof, his boyhood and youth being divided between the two. He continued his studies until reaching the age of twenty-two years, and at that time began to concentrate his energies upon his farm work, and this has continued to be his vocation throughout life. On April 9, 1895, he was married to Miss Lena Carl, who was born in Wayne township and was one of Mr. Bocock's classmates at the district school. They have had three children, namely: Granville, who was born June 11, 1903; Carl, born September 20, 1905; and Martha, born August 25, 1910. The occupation to which he was reared Mr. Bocock has made his life work. He has continued the work and developing and improving his present farm since his marriage, until it now yields golden harvests and the property has become a paying one. In addition to tilling the fields he raises considerable stock and his business interests are carefully managed. He has a well equipped place, and neatness and thrift characterize all departments of the farm work. Mr. Bocock is known as a man who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, forming a definite plan of action and accomplishing results while many others would stop to theorize.

Fraternally Mr. Bocock is prominent in the ranks of the Masonic order, belonging to Mount Etna Lodge No. 333, F. & A. M., and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Landissville, being past grand and a member of the Grand Lodge of the state and the Encampment, and both he and his wife are connected with the Rebekahs at Landissville. In political matters he is a democrat, and has taken some interest in local affairs, although he has not been a seeker after personal preferment.

David Markley. So long as the veterans of the great Civil war remain they will be accorded a great volume of gratitude and admiration from the generations who now enjoy the prosperity of a united country. In the fast thinning ranks of the union soldiers, now represented by a mere handful in Huntington county, the name of David Markley is prominent, since for three years he carried a musket in the splendid armies operating in the Mississippi Valley up to the fall of Atlanta, and when his military service was over he returned to the quiet vocation of

farm and fireside. Mr. Markley has for thirty years been a resident of Jackson township, and is the owner of a place of eighty acres, located three miles southeast of Roanoke.

David Markley was born in Carroll county, Ohio, January 1, 1838, a son of Robert and Leah (Cogan) Markley. Both parents were born in Pennsylvania, moved from that state to Ohio, and lived there until death. Of the twelve children six are living in 1913, the brothers and sisters of David being named as follows: John, Samuel, Robert, Jess and Margaret J., widow of Isaac Hibbs.

The early life of David Markley was spent on an Ohio farm, and while growing up he received such school advantages as were allowed to Ohio boys during the forties and fifties. On reaching manhood the war of the Rebellion broke out, and in 1862 he went to the front as a private in Company D of the Fifty-Second Ohio regiment of infantry. After a brief experience in the Army of the Potomac, the regiment was sent west to join in the great campaigns then being inaugurated in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. He fought at the battles of Perryville, at Stone River, at Chattanooga and Chickamauga, participated in the tedious hard-fought advance up to Atlanta, and altogether saw three years of active fighting and campaigning. Since the war he has enjoined his associations with old army comrades, and has membership in the McGinnis Post of the Grand Army at Roanoke. Mr. Markley is a pensioner, and receives thirty dollars each month as a slight token of the regard in which our government holds its defenders. After receiving his honorable discharge Mr. Markley returned to Ohio, and in that state on October 18, 1866, married Rachel Simmers, who was born and reared in Ohio.

In 1883 Mr. Markley brought his family to the farm where he now lives in Jackson township. He has been prosperous in his undertakings, and can now enjoy the fruits of a long and well spent life. Mr. Markley has membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, affiliates with Little River Lodge No. 275 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with the Encampment at Huntington, and in politics he is a democrat.

Mrs. Markley died in August, 1907. The only son and child is Daniel W. Markley, who was born April 5, 1867. He attended school in Ohio until he was sixteen years of age, and finished in Jackson township, where he now lives. On February 3, 1898, Daniel W. Markley married Ida B. Scott, who was born in Wells county, Indiana, July 10, 1873, and grew up and received her training in that county. To their marriage have been born two children, David R., born November 14, 1904; and Mary J., born November 5, 1910.

John A. Rindchen. A resident of Huntington county for more than thirty years, Mr. Rindchen represents the substantial German element in the citizenship, is a man whose native intelligence and diligence have brought him a generous prosperity as a farmer, and who has in many different ways received tokens of esteem on the part of his neigh-

bors and fellow citizens. At the present time he is serving as a member of the county council of Huntington county.

John A. Rindchen was born in Starke county, Ohio, June 19, 1869, a son of Adam and Catherine (Zellers) Rindchen. His father, born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1844, when about two and a half years of age, in 1846, was brought by his parents to the United States, and their settlement was made in Starke county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and married Catherine Zellers. Starke county was her native place, and she grew up in that locality. Her death occurred in Starke county, December 14, 1875, and she was the mother of four children, three daughters and one son John A. The daughters are Julia, wife of Lewis Dillinger, of Jackson township; Cora, wife of Clarence Schlott, of Starke county; and Katie, unmarried. In 1879 the father married for his second wife Julia Judd. In the year following their marriage they left Stark county and settled in Huntington county on the old farm in Jackson township, where all his subsequent life was passed. He died in Roanoke, February 2, 1913. His second wife died September 10, 1905, and he later married Mary Olmstead, who survived him. Adam Rindchen was a Democrat in politics, and a man specially well known among his fellow countrymen.

John A. Rindchen was eleven years old when he came to Huntington county, grew up at the old homestead in Jackson township, and continued in the local schools the education which had been begun in Ohio. While his advantages were only those possessed in common by most of the boys with whom he grew up, Mr. Rindchen has made the best use of his opportunities, is a man of intelligence and wide observation, and has been able to take a useful part in life in all the responsibilities to which he has been called. After his school days were ended he lived at home, and assisted in the management of the home acres until his marriage.

That event was celebrated January 18, 1894, when Miss Wilhelmina Vollmar became his wife. She is a daughter of Peter and Wilhelmina (Ellow) Vollmar, and was born in Dallas township of this county and reared there and in Jackson township. Mr. and Mrs. Rindchen have three sons: Walter G., born September 10, 1894, graduated from the common schools and is now a student in the Roanoke high school; Melvin, born November 13, 1896, is a graduate of the common schools, and is also in high school; Carl, born January 22, 1899, is now in the eighth grade.

Mr. Rindchen has been an independent farmer now for about twenty years. His neighbors speak of him as one of the most hard working citizens of the community, a man who tends his fields not only with diligence but also with care and regularity, and it is therefore not difficult to understand his present prosperity. He is the owner of a fine place of one hundred and two acres in Reserve Number fifty-two, about three miles southeast of Roanoke. The business carried on at this farm may be briefly described as general farming and stock raising and each year enough stock and other crops go to market to pay a good return on the investment and labor, leaving a surplus for the bank account, and

at the same time keeping up the improvements and the fertility of the farm. Mr. Rindchen and family worship in the Methodist Episcopal church at Roanoke, and he has a prominent part in the society being one of the trustees, treasurer, and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. Fraternally he and his wife belong to the Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees. As to politics, he supports the Democratic cause, and in 1913 the county board of commissioners appointed him a member of the county council.

J. Luther Zirkle. In Jackson township, the southeast quarter of section thirty-six, comprising the full one hundred and sixty acres, is the site of one of the best stock farms in eastern Indiana. Mr. Zirkle is proprietor, while not an old resident of Huntington county is an old hand at farming and stock raising, and has few equals in Huntington county. His special line of industry is the raising and breeding of pure strains of Jersey cattle and Duroc hogs. He also buys stock by the carload and sees them shipped to the market every year, a large number of both cattle and hogs. A fair valuation of his farming estate would be close to twenty-five thousand dollars, and that figure indicates the excellence of its improvements, and the high standards of agricultural enterprise as conducted under the Zirkle management.

J. Luther Zirkle was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, September 6, 1861. A farm was his birthplace, and he comes of substantial German stock, his grandfather Ludwig Zirkle was a native of Germany and emigrated to the United States and located in Virginia early in the nineteenth century. The father of the Jackson township stock raiser was born in Virginia, and lived and died on Smith Creek in that state. On his mother's side, Mrs. Zirkle is descended from the Funkhousers, who came from Switzerland, the family being founded in the United States by two brothers, John and Christopher Funkhouser, who located in 1700 in New Amsterdam (now New York). Mrs. Zirkle's mother was Lydia Tussing, the youngest daughter of Daniel and Dorothy Tussing, and by her marriage to Lewis Zirkle, had two children Luther and Maggie.

J. Luther Zirkle grew up on a Virginia farm, and beginning about his sixth year was allowed to attend the district schools three or four months every year. The other months were set aside for his practical training in farm duties, and the development of his character and muscles by contact with the natural work of a Virginia homestead. He remained at home, and assisted in farm duties until he was twenty-six years of age. On December 22, 1886, he married Miss Clara V. Theis, who was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, February 3, 1864, and was educated in the Virginia common schools. Her parents were Christian and Ellen Grimm Theis, her father a native of Germany, and her mother born in Shenandoah county, Virginia. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Zirkle lived in Virginia, and rented his father's farm a short while, then bought one hundred and seventy-six acres from his father, and lived on that farm for twelve years. In the meantime a considerable

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degree of prosperity had blessed their efforts, and Mr. Zirkle finally decided to leave the east. Selling out his Virginia holdings, he moved out to Oklahoma territory, and bought three hundred and twenty acres in Canadian county. Two years in Oklahoma were not without a material increase to his fortune, but satisfied him with western experience, and on leaving Oklahoma he came to Indiana. His first purchase here was one hundred and sixty acres in Tippecanoe county, where he lived for five years. From there he came to Huntington county, and bought the quarter section in Jackson township, which has since been the scene of Zirkle farm and stock raising enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Zirkle have become the parents of four children. Paul graduated from the Huntington high school in 1907, and now lives in Chillicothe, Ohio; Samuel married Maggie Greer, and is a farmer of Allen county, Indiana; Ellen is a graduate of the Huntington high school, and received training for her profession as a graduate nurse in the Hope Hospital at Fort Wayne; Viola is a graduate of the Roanoke high school, and is now a teacher. The family are members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Zirkle is one of the elders in the St. John's church in Union township of Wells county. Since getting the right of preference by reaching years of manhood he has voted consistently in support of the democratic party, and while a resident of Virginia, served as justice of the peace.

Lewis M. Souers. When Lewis M. Souers was one year old his parents came to Huntington county and settled on a farm here, so that he has spent practically all his life in this section of the state. He was born in Wayne county, Ohio, on September 17, 1837, barely missing Indiana nativity, but the long residence he has maintained on Indiana soil makes him essentially a native son, though he may not claim that right by reason of his birth. He has all his life been identified with farming activities, and has added something of value to the development of the county, bringing to a fine state of cultivation his own property, one of the best farms in the county, encouraging progress in the lives of his neighbors, and rearing a fine family that has added, in turn, to the best interests of the community.

Mr. Souers is a son of Reason and Hannah (Merriman) Souers, Ohio people by birth and parentage, and they came to this state and county in 1838, locating in Rock Creek township, in Section 32, and here they lived for many a good year. The father died in Lancaster township. To him and his wife were born five children,—Lewis M. of this review being the eldest. Levi Souers, next in order of birth, is now deceased; Henry M. served in the Forty-seventh Indiana Regiment during the Civil war, as color bearer of his company, and he passed through from the beginning of the conflict to the end, and is now living, a resident of Maryville, Missouri. Anna M. is the widow of Uriah Herran, of Union township; and Eleanore M. died at the age of eleven years.

Lewis M. Souers, as a boy in Rock Creek township, to which he came as an infant, attended the subscription schools common to that period,

and he received a fairly good common school training in that way. He was a studious boy and made the best of such opportunities for education as came his way, and that spirit of self-improvement has been manifested in his entire life. His father was prosperous, and when the boy was twenty-one, he gave him an eighty-acre farm on which to start life independently, and to this he in later years, through his own industry and good management, was able to add another eighty, so that he has a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in the southeast quarter of Section 29, Rock Creek township. Here he has spent his active life in farming and he has enjoyed more than the average measure of success. He has been an industrious and progressive farmer, and in many ways an advanced one, so that his prosperity is well merited, and has been a worthy example to his fellow citizens. His farm, which lies some five miles north of Warren and four miles south of Burrows Corners, is located on the Burrows Corners Road, and is very conveniently situated in the matter of its location.

It will be seen that Mr. Souers has lived in Rock Creek township since 1838, a period of a little more than seventy-five years, and there is not a man in the township today who has so fine a record for agricultural accomplishment as has he. He bought his second eighty in 1881, and has been busy with his place year in and out from the beginning of his active farming up to the present time. He has a record among his neighbors as the producer of bumper corn crops, and has on many occasions demonstrated his ability to take from his soil more than a hundred bushels of corn to the acre.

Mr. Souers is a stanch democrat, active for a good many years in the interests of the party, and he has been prominent in local politics for a long period of years. He has served in numerous township offices, among them trustee of Rock Creek township, and assessor of the township.

Mr. Souers married Evaline Johnson and she died in 1898, leaving six children, four of whom are living at this writing. William B. is a resident of South Dakota; Jefferson M. lives in Oklahoma; Thomas R. is located in Warren, Indiana; and Anna L. is the wife of Clarence E. Hart, the daughter and her husband living with Mr. Souers and caring for him in his advanced years. He is a member of the Baptist church, long active in the work of that organization in his community, and he reared his family in the same faith. He has long been, and still is, one of the solid, steadfast citizens of the town, and no man in the community has a better standing with the people than he, or a wider circle of stanch friends. His life has been a worthy one, and a creditable example to the generations that have come up in his midst during the seventy-five years of his continuous residence in the township, and the value of such a career will not be gainsaid.

JOHN E. SETTLEMYRE. One of the oldest and most substantial families of Huntington county is that of Settlemyre, whose scope of activities

and center of residence has been chiefly in Jackson township. It is in Jackson township that John E. Settlemyre, a representative of a younger generation, now lives, as one of the leading farmers and stock raisers.

Mr. Settlemyre occupies a portion of the old homestead on which he was born February 2, 1876. He is a son of John M. Settlemyre, the mother's maiden name having been Margaret Arick. Both those names are well known in this section of Indiana. The father was born in Warren county, Ohio, and the mother in Wayne county of the same state. He was brought when a child to Huntington county, the Settlemyre family having arrived in 1860, and the Aricks in 1859. The father and mother grew up in Jackson township, were married, and continued to live here until their companionship was broken by the death of John M. Settlemyre, on January 29, 1911. His widow is still living in Jackson township. There are only two living children, one of whom is James W. Settlemyre of Huntington.

John E. Settlemyre was reared on the old homestead, attended the district schools, and his education was partly the result of book training and partly from practical experience as a farm boy. At the age of nineteen he took up farming as a practical career, and a year or so later established a home of his own. On April 17, 1897, he was united in marriage with Miss Effie Lawrence. Her parents were John J. and Mary (Shank) Lawrence. Mrs. Settlemyre grew up in Allen county, Indiana, where she got her education in the common and high schools. Mr. and Mrs. Settlemyre are the parents of eight children, mentioned as follows: Agatha, a student in high school; Bayless, a student in the Roanoke high school; and the younger children are Russell, Ervin, Everett, Pearl, Mina, and Mary.

Mr. Settlemyre affiliates with the Knights of the Maccabees, and the L. O. O. N. at Huntington. In local affairs, he has taken quite an active part, and as a party man affiliates with the Republican interests. His farm comprises two hundred and eighteen acres, a portion of Reserve No. 42 and 52. The homestead has many improvements which class it with the best farms of Huntington county, and its situation is two and a half miles south of Roanoke, and nine miles northeast of the county seat of Huntington. Mr. Settlemyre does a good deal of stock breeding and is one of the most successful stockmen in his neighborhood. He buys his feeders by the carload, brings them out to his farm, feeds the grain and other produce of his land, and every year sends away to market several carloads of cattle and hogs.

John M. Krieg. Born on the farm adjoining his present home, on May 13, 1862, John M. Kreig has spent his life in the community which he now claims as home. He is a son of George L. and May A. (Wilhelm) Krieg, and it should be said that the father was born in Germany and came to the United States when he was about twenty years old. His wife was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but they were married in Lancaster township, Huntington county, Indiana, and this place continued to be their abiding place to the end of their lives.

To George and May Krieg ten children were born, eight of whom are now living. John M., whose name introduces this brief review, was born third in line, and he was reared on the home place, attending the Lancaster schools and thus gaining a slender knowledge of the three R's in his boyhood. He went to school three months in the winter until he reached his early teens, and all his summers were spent at work on the farm. He continued there as his father's assistant until he was twenty-one, when he launched out into independent farming. He had no capital, but he rented the place adjoining his father's, and there he applied diligently the principles he had learned and practiced while with his father. The result was a fair measure of prosperity, and in time he was able to buy the place, operating it nine years as a renter, before he felt himself able to buy it. The farm is one of one hundred and sixty acres and is situated about six miles south of Huntington, in Section twenty-three. It is a well kept and productive place, reflecting wholesome credit upon its owner.

Mr. Krieg married Mary Batson on February 14, 1884. She was born and reared in Lancaster township, and like her husband, had her education in the common schools of the district. Two children have been born to them. Clyde C., the eldest, a graduate of the Majenica high school, died at the age of nineteen years, and Mamie is the wife of Harmon Hoover. She and her husband make their home with Mr. Hoover's parents. All the family have membership in the Majenica Christian church, and Mr. Krieg is treasurer of the church, and otherwise active in its work.

Mr. Krieg is a Democrat in his politics, and though he has never taken active part in the public life of the community, his influence has been a healthy one, and has stood for progress and development. His progressive ideas have made themselves evident first of all in his home and in the management of his private affairs, and his farm shows some of the finest buildings in the township. As a general farmer and stockman he is regarded as one of the most capable and prosperous men of the community, and rightly so.

Dallas Worster. In Majenica, Huntington county, Indiana, Dallas Worster is prominent as the manufacturer of drain tile, brick and building block, and here he has carried on his manufacturing activities since 1908, when he bought a half interest in the plant and became a member of the firm of Klepser & Worster. For three years the business continued under that firm style, when J. T. Ellis purchased a half interest, and the business was then operated under the name of Worster & Ellis. In 1913 another change was made in the management, when Joseph T. Mills purchased the interest of Mr. Ellis, and Worster & Mills are now in control of the plant. The product of the plant is one that finds a ready market in Huntington county, and Worster & Mills run it at its capacity the year around.

Mr. Worster is a native son of Blackford county, Indiana, born in August, 1878, and he is a son of James T. and Eliza J. (Hickman)

Worster, who were among the early settlers of Blackford county. Dallas Worster was reared on a farm in Blackford county and he had his education in the district schools of his native community, spending the winter months in study and the remainder of the year on the home farm. With the death of his father he rented the farm and for a few seasons operated it, but in 1908 was induced to venture in his present enterprise, which has proved a pleasing success.

In 1900 Mr. Worster married Nora Tom, a native of this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Worster are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Majenica, and politically, Mr. Worster is a Republican though he has never been one to assume an active part in the politics of the community. He is a quiet man, intent upon his business activities, and by reason of his sterling attributes of character, has the confidence and high regard of the entire community.

Andrew Emanuel Heiney. One of the well known and progressive farming men of Lancaster township is Andrew Emanuel Heiney, proprietor of Locust Grove farm, and a trustee of Lancaster township. Mr. Heiney has long been a resident of Lancaster township,—all his life thus far, in fact, and his acquaintance in the town and throughout the county is a wide one. He was born in the vicinity of his present residence on December 27, 1862, and is a son of Abraham and Catherine E. (Klepser) Heiney, the father being a son of Jacob Heiney, of Wayne county, Indiana.

Abraham Heiney came to Huntington county in early life and settled in Lancaster township, there spending the remainder of his life. He was a quiet man, always busy attending to his own affairs, and a citizen whose influence was of the best in his community. He was long a member of the United Brethren church. To him and his wife were born ten children, eight of whom are now living. They are as follows: Jacob W., of Dallas township, this county; Hannah M., the wife of Levi Powell, of Kansas; Andrew E., of this review; George N., of Missouri; Sarah, who married Roscoe Boyd, of Grant county; Samuel L., also a resident of Grant county; Elizabeth, wife of William A. Stephens, of Lancaster township; Susan J., wife of C. Richardson, of Grant county.

Andrew A. Heiney was reared in the neighborhood of his present residence, and had his education in the district schools, attending in the winter months and in the open season spending his time at home on the farm. He lived at home until he was twenty-six years old, working by the month for his father after he had reached his majority, so that when he married Sarah D. Rittenhouse on May 11, 1889, he had a small cash capital at his command. She was born in Rock Creek township, in Huntington county, on June 11, 1868, and is a daughter of Anderson and Mary (Ludwick) Rittenhouse. She had a similar upbringing to that of her husband, and she is the mother of three children. Edna G., born November 8, 1889, a graduate of the common schools, and the wife of Raymond Yates, of Lancaster township; Orville E., born September 15, 1891, and May E., born in February, 1898, and now a high school student.

Mr. Heiney is a Democrat in his politics, and in 1908 was elected a trustee of Lancaster township, in which office he is yet serving. He is known for a capable and progressive farmer, and his fine place, lying in sections 28, 29 and 33 and consisting of two hundred and thirty-six acres, about ten miles south of Huntington, is one of the most productive and well conducted places in the township. A comfortable dwelling and appropriate and necessary barns are in evidence on the place, and the proprietor of the Locust Grove farm may be pardoned for a degree of pride in his agricultural achievements.

JOHN F. ELLIS. John F. Ellis, by reason of his accomplishments in the agricultural industry in Lancaster township, takes his rightful place among the foremost men of the community. He is a native of Wayne township, Huntington county, born June 4, 1867, and he is a son of C. C. Ellis and his wife, Mary E. (McGovney) Ellis. The father was born in Brown county, Ohio, and accompanied his parents to Adams county, Ohio, when he was a lad of six years. There he grew up and obtained such meagre education as was his portion in life. He married on December 2, 1866, and located in Wayne township, Huntington county, where he lived for a year, and then purchased a drug store in Mount Eaton. He came to Lancaster township and settled on a farm, here continuing in residence until the late years of his life, when he moved to Majenica. He died there on February 18, 1910, and his widow survives him, making her home with her son, Frank.

C. C. Ellis reached a state of financial independence, chiefly through his activities in the drug business, before he turned his attention to farming. To him and his wife were born six children, five of whom are now living. They are as follows: Isabelle C., the wife of Joseph Kitch, of Huntington, Indiana; William I., a farmer on the home place; John F., of this review; Ella M.; George D., of Rock Creek; Jessie O., of Huntington.

John F. Ellis was educated in the district schools and brought up on the Lancaster township farm, of which his brother is now the occupant. He was twenty-one years old when he left home, and set out for himself independently, and after a few years, or in 1893, on the 7th day of September, he married Anna E. Schultz. She was a daughter of John Schultz, and like her husband, was reared to farm life and had a country school training. One daughter has been born to them,—Bertha B., born February 18, 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is one of the stewards of the church. His fraternal affiliations are with the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Ellis is everywhere regarded as a man of sound judgment, and he is known to be an upright, honorable and wide-minded citizen. He is reckoned among the foremost farming men of Huntington county, and his farm of one hundred and sixty acres on the Huntington-Warren Road is finely situated about five miles northwest of Warren and eight miles distant from the town of Huntington.

JOHN P. SHUTT. The entire life of John P. Shutt thus far has been spent on the farm where he now lives, so that his life is an open book to the people of Lancaster township, where he has a wide circle of good friends among a wider circle of lifelong acquaintances. Mr. Shutt is a son of David and Susan (Marks) Shutt, and concerning the parentage and ancestry of the subject, it would be well to begin with the activities of John Shutt, grandsire of the subject, who came to Lancaster township, Huntington county, from the vicinity of Canal Dover, Ohio, in 1840, bringing his family here in 1849, so that the family has been established in this vicinity in the neighborhood of seventy years.

John Shutt located in Section 33, Lancaster township, and here continued a resident until his death. David Shutt, his son and the father of John P. Shutt, whose name introduces this sketch, was ten years of age when the family came to Indiana, and the bulk of his education, not any too extensive at the best, was gained in the district schools of Lancaster township, where he later reared and educated his own children. He had his practical training on the farm of his father, and in young manhood he married and settled down quietly in the community where he had been reared. He built a wooden sawmill in Lancaster and for several years operated it with fair success. Later he became a contracting carpenter and he was well known in this section for his work along that line. He married Susan Marks and to them were born twelve children, nine of this goodly family being now alive. They are named as follows: John P., of this review; Lewis A.; William T.; Mary, the wife of Joseph Denton; Joseph, a merchant of Lancaster; Hattie, the wife of Orville Giltner; Emma, who married Samuel Heiney; Elizabeth, the wife of Nathan Hardman; and Fred Shutt, a resident of this place. All were educated in the common schools of Lancaster.

John P. Shutt was born October 25, 1861, and was reared in Lancaster township, attending the same schools that had furnished the educational training of his father before him, though he was favored further in an educational way in that he was able to attend the State Normal School at Valparaiso for a time. He began teaching school when he had concluded his studies and for some years continued in that profession, being for a time principal of the State Street School of Huntington.

In May, 1888, Mr. Shutt married Miss Kate Chamness, who was born in Wabash county, but had her upbringing for the most part in Huntington county. The young couple began housekeeping in Huntington, where Mr. Shutt was then engaged in his pedagogic work, and they lived there for two years. He gave up teaching and purchased a farm in Jefferson township, but in 1908 he sold the place, and bought 140 acres of the old home farm where he has since made his home and carried on active farming activities.

Mr. Shutt is undoubtedly one of the foremost men of his township, and one who has taken an active part in the public life of the community. A public spirited man, his citizenship has been of a high order, and has stood out beyond that of the average man. He has been a Republican always, though never one to inject partisan ideas into local politics,

so that his influence has always been of an upward trend, void of personalities and selfish ends and aims. He served four years as a trustee of Jefferson township while a resident there, and during that time was instrumental in securing the building of the present graded school of that township at Pleasant Plain. Being a teacher, he knew the needs of the community, and as a man of sound business judgment, his administration as a township officer was above the average, reflecting much credit upon him and the community.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Shutt are seven in number, and are here mentioned briefly as follows: Jessie, a graduate of the common schools; Winifred, a teacher in the Lancaster High School, of which she is a graduate, also of the State Normal; Hermia, who attended the State Normal, is the wife of Charles E. Paul; Mildred is now a high school student; Mary is attending the common schools; and the two youngest are David, born in 1903, and Agnes, in 1910.

Daniel L. Shideler. A native son of the township in which he now resides, Daniel L. Shideler was born here on January 12, 1856, and has passed his entire life within the confines of Huntington county. He is a son of Jonas and Fannie (Berg) Shideler, the father born in Ohio in 1816 and the mother a woman of Pennsylvania birth, of the year 1821. They were married in Wayne county, Indiana, and came to this county in the same year, settling in Lancaster township, and here they passed the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom six survive at this writing. They are as follows: Benjamin Shideler, of Montana; A. B. Shideler, of Lancaster; Mary A., the wife of J. B. Harris; Catherine, the wife of J. P. Wire; Daniel L. Shideler, of this review, and Simon A., of Lancaster. The parents were lifelong members of the Church of the Brethren, and were among the stable and reliable citizens of their community. They lived worthily and reared their family in accordance with those precepts of life which they in their turn had absorbed, so that they gave to the county and state citizens who are exerting a beneficent influence in the communities wherein they are found.

Daniel L. Shideler was reared in Lancaster village and attended the common schools of that community. He was employed for three years in the local drug store of D. B. Hoover & Company, at Huntington, and then he turned his attention to farm life, in which he has since continued with a generous measure of success and prosperity. He is the owner of one hundred and eight acres, and two acres in the village of Lancaster. On the farm is a gravel pit that has supplied the gravel roads in this part of the county for years. Mr. Shideler is a stockholder in the Majenica Telephone Company, and is otherwise materially interested in those public enterprises that have added so much to the communal well being of the township.

On January 1, 1882, Mr. Shideler married Emma Heaston, the daughter of John and Angeline (Wire) Heaston, and to them were born three children, two of whom are now living. Grace is the wife of Harry L.

Pence; Faith, a graduate of the Lancaster high school, became the wife of John Barton, and is now deceased; and Eber T., a graduate of the local high school, married Lela Hoover.

The family are members of the Wesleyan Methodist church, and Mr. Shideler is a class leader in the church. Politically he is a prohibitionist, and has had a praiseworthy part in the political activities of the township. He and his family possess many of the solid traits that make for admirable citizenship, and they are well established in the town and county that has so long been the center of their activities.

Garl R. Rudicel. Lancaster has in the person of Garl R. Rudicel an auctioneer and merchant who has been established here in business since 1911, and who has a splendid business standing in the town and in adjoining communities, despite the fact of his brief period of business activity. Mr. Rudicel is a progressive and aggressive young man of business, and it is predicted freely that he will go a long way on the road to success and prosperity. He already owns a nice stock and building in Lancaster, drawing a generous trade from the surrounding communities, and he carries on his auctioneering trade in conjunction with his merchandising. Mr. Rudicel was graduated from the Jones' School of Auctioneering in Chicago in 1911, so that he is well qualified to conduct a public auction in the most satisfactory manner.

Garl R. Rudicel was born in Polk township, Huntington county, Indiana, on May 23, 1886, and he is a son of Solomon and Ella (Bailey) Rudicel, farming people of that community. Mr. Rudicel was educated in the schools of his native community, finishing at the Lancaster Center high school in 1907, and soon thereafter engaging in the mercantile business in Lancaster township, to which enterprise, in 1911, he added his talents as an auctioneer. His success has been a pleasing one thus far, and promises an independent future. He is young and energetic and possesses commendable business enterprise and tact, so that his business venture promises much as to future growth and prosperity. He owns the store building he occupies, with its entire equipment, including fixtures, and is well worthy the title of "hustler" that is frequently heard applied to him.

On December 25, 1909, Mr. Rudicel was married to Miss Inez Schultz, a young woman who was born in Lancaster township and is a graduate of the Lancaster Center high school. She was a successful teacher in the Lancaster high school, having finished a course in the Marion Normal in preparation for her teaching work. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rudicel,—Rexford, aged seventeen months and Max, who at this writing is eight weeks old.

Mrs. Rudicel is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but Mr. Rudicel has no church membership. He is a Republican and manifests the interest of a good citizen in the politics of the community. He enjoys an excellent reputation and standing in the community with which he has been identified practically all his life, and has a wide circle of friends throughout the county.

Samuel Paul. The entire business career of Samuel Paul has been passed in Lancaster township, where he is accounted a reliable and substantial citizen and a farmer who is thoroughly conversant with agricultural conditions. His life story contains no thrilling chapters, but his long and faithful devotion to the highest rules of honest living, his earnest endeavor and constant industry, and his high standing in the community all combine to make his record one worthy of preserving in a history of the representative men of his community. Mr. Paul was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1849, and is a son of Henry and Nancy (Snowberger) Paul. Both were born and reared in Pennsylvania, and after their marriage moved to Indiana in 1850, locating on a tract of 160 acres, located on the southwest one-quarter of section 11, in Lancaster township, Huntington county. For this tract, which was all located in the heavy timber, the father paid $500. Here he erected a cabin of logs, 18x20 feet, in which were reared all of his children, this continuing to be the family home for many years. He was an earnest and industrious workman, attempted faithfully to bring his children up to lead honest and useful lives, and himself rounded out a life of usefulness and helpfulness to his community. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom eight are surviving at this time: Samuel, of this review; David, who is a resident of Lancaster township; Sarah, who is the wife of Jacob Shideler; Mary, the wife of Joseph Heaston, of Lancaster township; Susanna, the wife of John Adams, of Jefferson township; D. W., a minister of the Church of the Brethren, who has filled various charges in Huntington county; George W., an agriculturist of Rock Creek township; and Andrew, the owner of a farm in Lancaster township.

Samuel Paul was reared on the old home farm and received his education in the district schools, which he attended in the winter months while assisting his father during the summer seasons. He thus continued until reaching the age of twenty-one years, when, tiring of the duties of the farm, he learned the plasterer's trade, and continued to follow that business for some thirteen years. At the end of that time, however, he returned to the tilling of the soil, which has continued to be his occupation to the present time. Mr. Paul has been successful because of his enterprise, industry and progressive spirit, and for thirty years he has been known as one of his community's most substantial citizens. During this time he has witnessed its development into one of the richest farming communities in the state and has been a potent factor in advancing its interests. Honorable and upright in all his dealings, he has fairly won and retained the respect of his neighbors and associates, and few men are held higher in general public esteem.

Mr. Paul was married in January, 1872, to Miss Mahala Heaston, who was born in 1849, in Lancaster township, daughter of David Heaston, an early settler of Huntington county. Five children have been born to this union: Prof. David H., a graduate of the state normal school and now principal of the Williams Street school, at Huntington; Charles, a graduate of the public schools and now engaged successfully in farm-

ing; Emma, who has been given a good education and is now the wife of Pearl Ulrich of Mount Etna, Indiana; Elnora, who has also received good educational advantages and is single and resides with her parents; and J. B., a graduate of Valparaiso University and of the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, that state, a bright and progressive young agriculturist who is assisting his father in cultivating the home fields. Mr. Paul and his family are members of the Loon Creek Baptist church. In political matters he is a republican and has been fairly active in public affairs, although not as an office seeker.

Anderson Potts. While not a native of Huntington county, Anderson Potts has resided here since his second year, and the entire period of his business activity has been passed within its borders. At this time he is engaged in agricultural pursuits on a handsome farm of eighty acres, and his operations are being carried on in such an able and well-directed manner as to make him be accounted one of Lancaster township's representative men. Mr. Potts is a native of Henry county, Indiana, and was born June 28, 1856, a son of Jacob and Christina (Hoover) Potts.

Jacob Potts was born in Washington township, Washington county, Maryland, moved to Pennsylvania in young manhood, and in the latter state was married, the mother having been born there. From Pennsylvania they came to Henry county, Indiana, and there made their residence until the year 1858, when they came to Lancaster township, Huntington county. Later Mr. Potts took his family to Noble county, but in 1863 returned to Huntington county and in that same year enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirtieth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Potts met a soldier's death on a southern battlefield and was laid to rest in the National Cemetery. He was the father of three children, of whom Anderson is the only survivor.

Anderson Potts was two years of age when first brought to Huntington county. He secured his educational training in the public schools, but as he was still a lad when his father met his death, his schooling was cut short in order that he might go to work to aid in the family support. However, he was studious and intelligent, made the most of such opportunities as were granted him, and subsequent study, reading and observation in after life have made him a thoroughly informed man. He was twenty years of age at the time of his marriage, following which event he began agricultural operations on his own account. He has since made a success of his general farming, and is now the owner of a well-developed tract of eighty acres of valuable land located about five miles south of Huntington, on the Salamonie turnpike. He is also well known as a breeder of Belgian horses, and in this connection as in others has been prosperous. His business interests have ever been managed with such discretion, sagacity and sound judgment, have ever been prosecuted with such energy and diligence and characterized by such honesty that he has acquired a handsome competence and gained the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been brought into contact.

On December 21, 1876, Mr. Potts was married to Miss Charlotte A. Fisher, who was born in Lancaster township, and to this union there have been born six children: Jesse L.; Aurelius R.; Ira B.; Christy, the wife of Ozro Shideler, and lives in Canada; one who died in infancy; and Eva May, at home and unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Potts are members of the Church of the Brethren at Loon Creek, and Mr. Potts is a member of the board of trustees. In politics a republican, he has served one term as assessor, a period of five years, and in his official capacity showed himself capable, conscientious and progressive. His career from early manhood has been one of constant advancement, and the success which has attended his efforts may be traced directly to his own unaided and well-directed efforts.

David Burket, long a resident of Huntington county and of Lancaster township, has identified himself with farming and carpentering, realizing a generous degree of success in both enterprises, and, in addition to those vocations, has found time to mix somewhat in the political life of the town and county. He has served as county commissioner of the county, giving an excellent account of himself in that capacity, and, as a soldier in the Union army, he also acquitted himself creditably as a member of the Twenty-third Indiana Battery.

Mr. Burket was born in Section 34 of Lancester township, on July 15, 1841, and is a son of Joel and Susanna (Wisler) Burket, both of whom came to this state in 1834, locating straightway on Section 34. They were pioneer settlers of Huntington county, and shared fully in the deprivations and many hardships that marked the lives of those who settled in the wilderness and took their chances with the untamed Indian and the wild beasts that infested the forests in those early days. They were sturdy and admirable citizens, and when their community so far progressed as to afford them neighbors, they proved themselves well worthy of the name of friend,—a trait that was an especially admirable one in those primitive times, if friendship can ever be more a thing to be prized at one time than at another.

Joel Burket and his wife lived quiet and plain country lives, devoting themselves diligently to the business of making their farm home a habitable place and a productive one, and they realized much of their ambition in their life times, for when they died in the late nineties, after more than sixty years of continued residence on their Section 34 farm, it had reached a delightful state of cultivation and was one of the valuable and fertile sources of agricultural profit in the township. The father was past eighty-two years of age, when he died on April 2, 1898, and the mother lived to the venerable age of ninety-two, having passed her ninety-second milestone some time before she died. She was born on November 4, 1818, and died on January 26, 1910. Both were members of the Church of the Brethern at Lancaster, she being a charter member, and they were devoted to the work of the church, and held in the highest esteem by all who knew them. They were the parents of five children. Anna E. is the widow of John F. Schultz; Eli Burket is a resident

David Burket

of Lancaster township; David is the subject of this brief review; Joseph A. is a carpenter, now residing in Clarendon, Texas; and Eliza J. is the wife of Henry P. Schultz.

David Burket was reared on the home farm in Section 34, this township, and attended the district school at such times as he could be conveniently spared from the work of the farm. He was twenty-one years old when he volunteered for service in the Twenty-third Indiana Battery on October 24, 1862, or it would be more accurately stated to say that he was mustered into the service on that day, and mustered out on July 2, 1865, when the war was over. He was promoted to the rank of corporal and served through much of the war as such. Numerous engagements were participated in by his company, among them being Buzzard's Roost, on May 8 and 9, 1864; Resaca, Georgia, on May 14 and 15, 1864; Dallas and Altoona, Georgia, on June 1 to 14, 1864; Kenesaw Mountain, Georgia, June 20 to 25, 1864; News Creek, Georgia, June 27, 1864; Siege of Atlanta, in August, 1864; Columbia, Tennessee, November 28 and 29, 1864; Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864; Marshall, Tennessee, in December, 1864. Through all his service, he was not once wounded, and when the war was over and he was mustered out, he returned to his home and gave his attention to farming. He continued so for a time and then began to learn the trade of carpenter, and when he had completed it he began to work by the day for people in the surrounding communities. He was successful in his carpentry work, and mingled that enterprise with his farming activities through all these years of activity. He is now living retired.

As has previously been intimated, Mr. Burket has figured prominently in local and county politics as a Republican for a good many years. He has served as assessor of the township on several occasions, and has also served as a member of the County Board of Commissioners, to which he was elected in 1880 and was a member of the board for three consecutive years. In 1890 he was elected to the office of county assessor of Huntington county, and in that office he served for six years. He has been a member of Central Committee of the Republican party and has served as a delegate to several state conventions. In all these offices and posts he has acquitted himself most creditably, and has manifested a healthy and good citizen-like interest in the affairs of the party.

On March 24, 1867, Mr. Burket was married to Mary A. Ulrich, a daughter of Samuel and Julia A. (Davis) Ulrich. She was born in Wayne county, Indiana, on June 13, 1848, and at the age of nine months came with her parents to Huntington county, where the family has since resided. Of the five children born to them, four are now living. Nancy C. became the wife of Jacob Boehmer and is now deceased; Ada married R. F. Andrews of Lancaster township; Samantha J. is the wife of Daniel Wintrode, of Wabash county, Indiana; Jesse A. married Laura Kaufman of Huntington, Indiana; and Levi is a resident of Lancaster township.

The family are members of the Church of the Brethern, and Mr. Burket is a deacon in the church and a member of its Board of Trustees. He has long been an enthusiastic worker in the Sunday school

and he was chairman of the Lancaster township Sunday school for three terms, having done much to stimulate interest in the work of the branch of the church, and to extend the scope of the helpfulness of the Sunday school, both locally and throughout the county. He helped to organize the first school that had its existence in Lancaster township, and has done much to keep alive the flame of enthusiasm in the organization.

A man of few words, but of the most mature and sound judgment, he is much sought by his many friends and acquaintances in the town and county, where he is widely known as one of the honorable and estimable citizens of the community.

JOSEPH FOULKE. The Foulke family was established in Warren township of Huntington county, more than sixty years ago. The representatives have been chiefly identified with farming, and their names are synonymous with good citizenship and personal integrity. Joseph Foulke was a child when brought to this county, and has long been one of the successful and substantial farmers. He is the owner of two hundred and thirty-three acres, situated in sections thirty-three and thirty-four in Warren township, and the activities which have brought him the most money have been his crops of grain and his hogs.

Joseph Foulke was born in Wayne county, Indiana, near Richmond, on October 16, 1849, a son of Samuel and Asenath (Foulke) Foulke. The father was born in Warren county, Ohio, and the mother in Berks county, Pennsylvania. They came to Indiana, locating in Wayne county, where they were married, and in March, 1851, moved to Huntington county, and settled on a farm two miles south, and a half a mile west of the town of Bippus in section thirty-three, of township twenty-nine north, range eight east. It was on that farm that the parents spent the rest of their days, engaged in the quiet pursuits of agriculture, and were always known and respected as people of great industry and honor. The first home they had in Warren township was a log cabin, and that was subsequently replaced by a frame dwelling house that is still standing, having been erected in 1869. There were four children and two died in infancy. Besides Joseph, the only other representative of the family now living is Charles Foulke of Kansas.

Joseph Foulke was sixteen months old when the family came to Huntington county. He grew up here on a farm, and alternated between the public schools and the home place in his activities until he was twenty-one years old. He then went west to Kansas, lived there from 1871 to 1873, and returned to Indiana, where he has ever since been well content to pursue his vocation.

In January, 1875, his father died, and in the settlement of the estate he bought the old place, and has since increased its acreage and has made one of the finest farms in the township.

On May 17, 1876, Mr. Foulke married Leah Holloway, who was born in Wabash county, Indiana. Their six living children are as follows: Lewis W., a bookkeeper in Chicago; Charles of Marion, Indiana; Fannie L., wife of Charles B. Culp, of Marion, Indiana; Ethel, wife of D. E.

Myers, of Warren township; Joseph L., a farmer in Warren township; and Lloyd, a carpenter and unmarried. Mr. Foulke is a birthright Quaker, and represents that fine old Quaker stock that was so prominent in Wayne county, from which center it spread over large areas of eastern Indiana.

In politics he has always been a Republican, but in 1912 lined up with the Progressive party.

ADAM SCHENKEL. One of the most prosperous agricultural men of this county is Adam Schenkel, a pioneer of the county and of Dallas township. He was born in this town and county, in the house where he now lives, and all his life has been spent here. A farmer by birth and inclination, he has prospered beyond the prosperity that is accorded to the average man, and he today owns three valuable and productive farms in Huntington and Wabash counties. The farm on which he resides is Fruit and Grain Farm, a fine place of 125 acres. His second place, a stock farm, operated by his son, is a place of 120 acres, and the third farm is located in Wabash county. This place of eighty acres makes up a total acreage to his credit of 325 acres, all of which is profitably and wisely managed by himself and his associates.

Adam Schenkel was born on December 30, 1854, and is a son of Adam Schenkel and his wife, Margaret (Christman) Schenkel. The parents were both natives of Germany. They came to the United States in their young days, the wife in 1840 and Mr. Schenkel in 1837, and located in Starke county, Ohio, where they met and married, coming to Dallas township of Huntington county in 1847. They located at that time on the farm that Mr. Schenkel of this review now occupies, and there they spent the remainder of their lives. To them were born seven children: John, a resident of Dallas township; Katie, the wife of Adam Young of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Mary, who married Frederick Gretzinger, of Wabash county, Indiana; Peter, a farmer of Wabash county; Sarah, the widow of Charles O. Miller, of Wabash county; Elizabeth, the wife of Fred Holbert, also of Wabash county; and Adam Schenkel of this review.

Adam Schenkel has always made his home on the farm where he now lives. As a boy he attended the German Parochial schools and also the public schools of Dallas township. When the parents passed away, he purchased the home place from the heirs, and continued as before. He married Elizabeth Keaffaber on November 20, 1879, she being a native daughter of Wabash county, born there on November 27, 1859, and educated after the same manner as was her husband. They settled quietly down to farm life, and have continued here cheerfully and contentedly in the work for which they felt themselves best fitted by inclination and training, and the results of their labors have fully justified their choice of a calling. Prosperity has waited upon them, and two valuable farms have been added to their holdings with the passing years, each place being well kept and cared for by one of their sons. To them were born nine children, brief mention of whom may be made at this point.

Sophia, the eldest, is a graduate of the local schools, and is now the wife of William Defembaugh, of Montpelier, Indiana. Joseph, who had a similar educational training, married Lena Gemmer and occupies and operates his father's stock farm in Dallas township. Rose is the wife of Jacob Ankeny of New Philadelphia, Ohio. Mollie is unmarried and lives at home. Emma is the wife of William Bickel of Dallas township. Hattie is the wife of Elmer Stephan; and Lena, Freida and Esther are at home.

The family have membership in the St. Paul's Evangelical church and are leading members therein. For ten years past Mr. Schenkel has been a trustee of the church, and others of the family have active interests in the work of the church. Politically Mr. Schenkel is among the leading Democrats of Dallas township, or this part of Huntington county, and has had a voice in the leading activities of the party in this community for a great many years. Never an office seeker, he has been well content to see that able and honorable men were placed in the local offices, in so far as his influence could bring about that end. He has manifested a genuine interest in the welfare of the community, and has done all one man could do to promote the best interests of the township at all times.

Mr. Schenkel also owns city property in Montpelier and Marion, Indiana, is a stockholder in the Huntington Trust Company, the Bippus State Bank, and he is president of the Bippus Telephone Company, so that his interests in the county are of a wide and varied nature, not confined alone to agricultural activities, but embracing financial and industrial operations as well.

Adam E. Mattern. North Dallas Farm is the very appropriate title that Adam E. Mattern gives to his place of eighty acres in Dallas township, lying some two miles north of Andrews and three-quarters of a mile west of that place, on the German Road. Here Mr. Mattern carries on an extensive farming enterprise that has long since placed him in the class of prosperous farmers of the township, and in consideration of his standing in his community and the nature of his accomplishments in his chosen enterprise, it is fitting and proper that some mention be made of him and his work in a publication of the nature and purpose of this one.

Adam E. Mattern was born in the city of Wabash on August 22, 1864, and is a son of Valentine and Catherine (Schwartz) Mattern, a sketch being dedicated to the father in other pages of this work. Both parents were natives of Germany but in view of the extended consideration that is accorded to them elsewhere in these pages, further details in that regard will not be required at this point. It will suffice to say that they located in Wabash county in 1848, after their marriage, and after some time settled in the city of Wabash, where the father died.

Adam E. Mattern is one of nine children of his parents, eight of whom are now living. The others are Peter, V. A., John, Anna, Elizabeth, Helena, and Carolina, concerning whom further mention will be found in the sketch dedicated to the father.

Adam E. Mattern was reared on a farm, for the most part, and had his education, which was somewhat limited in its nature, in the public schools of Wabash county. He remained an inmate of his parents' home until he reached his majority, at which age he rented a farm and began its operation. On December 13, 1888, Mr. Mattern married Elizabeth Fleck, who was born in Dallas township, and who had her education in the schools of her native community. She was a woman of German ancestry, her parents having been born there. In 1894 Mr. and Mrs. Mattern took up their residence in Dallas township, and there Mr. Mattern has a fine farm, with a modern and comfortable dwelling, and suitable buildings to meet the other needs of the place. Besides this place of eighty acres he has another farm of forty acres just south of the original place, and the two yield the family a comfortable income, as a result of the careful and efficient management to which they are subjected.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mattern. Herman, the eldest, was graduated from the Andrews high school and for two years taught the home school. He is now a student in the State Normal. Louis is also a high school graduate and is now attending Purdue University. Clara, the youngest, is attending the Andrews high school, and will doubtless continue with a college training, also.

Mr. Mattern and his family are members of the St. Paul's Evangelical church, and Mr. Mattern is fraternally identified by his membership in the K. O. T. M., Andrews Tent. Politically he is a Democrat, and takes an active part in the politics of the county. He was superintendent of the gravel roads in this section of the county, and has done much to raise the standard of the roads in the district covered by his jurisdiction. At the present time he is a candidate for the office of trustee. Aside from his farming interests, Mr. Mattern is a stockholder in the State Bank of Andrews, and has in other ways identified himself with the leading enterprises of the town.

George W. Swartz. In agricultural communities throughout the country there will be found from time to time men who devote their energies especially to the cultivation of a certain product, and it is a habit that is especially commendable, for many reasons that need not be enumerated here. But it is seldom that one chances upon one of these specialists who gives himself to the production of the horseradish root. This, however, is the especial province of George W. Swartz, and it has remained for him to gain a degree of fame as the cultivator, manufacturer and marketer of that well known and altogether delightful relish. So widely known is Mr. Swartz as the devotee of this particular industry that he is known far and near as "Horseradish" Swartz, and it is a title that he is in no wise inclined to refute, or take exceptions to.

George W. Swartz was born in Portage county, Ohio, on November 27, 1839, and is a son of George Swartz and the grandson of Mathias Swartz, the latter a native of Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, his parents having come from Germany. The mother of the subject was Mary Pauling, and she was born in Maryland, though her parents were

of English birth. The father was a prominent Methodist all his days. He was a member of the church from boyhood and a class leader in the church for thirty years. He was the son of a Methodist preacher, Mathias Swartz having preached for fifty years from the pulpits of that denomination. He died in 1850. In 1856 George Swartz left his native state and came to Indiana, settling in Akron, where he lived until his death in 1869. He was the father of a family of twelve children, of which number only two are living at this writing,—Mathias Swartz of Toledo, Ohio, and George W. of this review. The first mentioned is a veteran of the Civil war, having served three years as a member of an Indiana regiment.

George W. Swartz had his somewhat limited education in the district schools of Ohio and Akron, Indiana, and when he was twenty-one years old he enlisted in the Union army. After a brief service he was mustered out and returned to his home in Akron, where he turned his attention to the carpenter business and worked at the trade for some time. It was some years ago that he settled in Dallas township and began to farm, and he gradually interested himself in the growing of horseradish for the market. His success was so marked, even from his small operations, that the possibilities of the work made a strong appeal to him, and he gradually worked into the business on a larger scale, experiencing a success that has fully justified the close attention he has given to the matter. He has a ready market for his product in Huntington and Andrews, and the fact that the best horseradish on the market in this section of the state is the Swartz product, gave rise to the familiar title "Horseradish" Swartz.

In September, 1869, Mr. Swartz married Isadore Bauserman, and to them have been born six children, five of whom are now living. Frank is a resident of Huntington; Lenora; Edna, of Michigan City; Clara, the wife of James Wilson of Seattle, Washington; and Ray, unmarried and living at home.

The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, having adhered through four generations to the faith of the family. Mrs. Swartz, however, has membership in the Holiness Christian church, and she is a class leader and an ardent worker in that church. Mr. Swartz is a member of Andrews Post No. 116, G. A. R., and in his politics he is a republican, alert and active in the interests of the party, in so far as his influence reaches.

The Swartz family is well established in Dallas township, and are held among the best people of the community, wherein they have a wide circle of friends of which they are well worthy.

William E. Sharp. In Dallas township, Huntington county, Indiana, there are few among the agricultural men of the community who have fared farther in that domain than has William E. Sharp, proprietor and owner of Fairview Stock and Fruit Farm. The place, which covers one hundred and five acres, is located in the Peter Gour Reserve in Section 24 of Dallas township, less than a mile distant from the town of Andrews,

and something like four and a half miles southwest of Huntington. Mr. Sharp is a native of the Hoosier state, born in LaGro township, Wabash county, on January 20, 1867, and he is a son of George G. and Anna (Williamson) Sharp. The father was born in Philadelphia, and the mother was a native of Huntertown, New Jersey.

George G. Sharp came with his parents to Indiana when he was a boy, and with them located in LaGro township, where he was reared to manhood, and where his parents lived for a good many years, though late in life the elder Sharp went to Pendleton, Indiana, and there operated a woolen mill with a considerable degree of success. The Williamson family came from their New Jersey home to Indiana in an early day and located in Polk township, where they spent the rest of their lives. It was in Polk township that George Sharp met and married his wife, Anna Williamson, and after their marriage they took up their residence in Wabash county, in the vicinity of Dora, later moving to LaGro township. The father enlisted, with the outbreak of the war, in the Seventy-fifth Indiana and was later a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-third, in which he served until the close of the war. To these parents were born five sons, three of whom are here mentioned: William E., of this review; Isaac O., deceased; and G. Ray Sharp, who is a graduate of the Monument City high school and of the Terra Haute State Normal school, and is now superintendent of the Linwood school of La Fayette, Indiana.

William E. Sharp was about nine years old when the family moved to Huntington county and settled in Polk township, and he attended the schools of the latter community for a time, and later was a student at Andrews. He advanced especially well, and became a teacher, being employed for eight years in the schools of Huntington.

In 1890 Mr. Sharp married Amanda L. Slusser, who was born in Warren township in 1870, and educated in the schools of Andrews. She died in October, 1911, leaving two children: Guy G., a graduate of the Andrews High School and the Marion Normal and now a teacher in the schools of Lancaster township, and May M., also an Andrews graduate, and now the wife of Everett Brown.

In 1898 Mr. Sharp gave up his teaching activities and turned his attention to the business of farming,—a work for which he had much early training, and which coupled with a natural fondness for the industry, has brought him a pleasing success. He is one of the foremost men of his community, and by reason of his accomplishments in an educational way as well as in the farming industry, he is rightly regarded as a man of more than average versatility.

In his politics, Mr. Sharp was always a stanch republican up to the time of the presidential election campaign of 1912, when he joined forces with the Progressive ranks and has since given his support to the new party. He has had a leading part in local politics, and his voice is heard to excellent purpose when matters relating to the civic welfare are under discussion. Between the years of 1905 and 1909 he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Dallas township, and there he did excellent

work in the interests of the community. Fraternally he has membership in the Knights of the Maccabees, Tent 167, of Andrews, Indiana, and he is active in the work of the order.

Few men in the community, if indeed any, have a better standing, socially or otherwise, and none has a wider circle of friends in and about the county.

JOSEPH A. SCHENKEL. Among the enterprising younger agriculturists of Huntington county, one who has been especially progressive in inaugurating improvements on his property and who has already made a name for himself as a breeder and raiser of fine stock is Joseph A. Schenkel, one of the successful men of Dallas township. Coming of an agricultural family, which has for years contributed its members to the vocation of tilling the soil, he has at the age of thirty accomplished what many men do not attain until past middle life, and his fine farm eloquently testifies to his ability in a calling which is at once the most dignified and most valuable among all the activities of man.

A native son of Huntington county, Joseph A. Schenkel was born in Dallas township on March 28, 1884. His father was Adam Schenkel, a citizen who in his generation was esteemed for his many excellent qualities of character and accomplishment. The son was reared on his father's farm, and attended the public schools of Huntington county. Mr. Schenkel now has charge of his father's extensive farming properties in Dallas township, and having been thoroughly trained to agriculture and stock farming from early youth has accepted the opportunities presented by twentieth century methods and has gained a reputation for success in connection with every one of his undertakings. He is especially identified with the business of breeding thoroughbred Belgian and Percheron horses, Shorthorn cattle and hogs. His work along these lines has been very successful, and he has helped considerably in raising the standard of horses and cattle among the farmers of his town and throughout the county.

In August, 1908, Mr. Schenkel married Lena Gemmer, who was born in Wabash county. To their union has been born three children, as follows: Louise, aged six; Elsie, four years of age; and Paul, about one year of age. Mr. Schenkel and his family are members of the St. Paul's Evangelical church, and in politics he is a Democrat. The Schenkel family is well established in this community, and they have a host of good friends in and about the township, who have known them for many years and who have esteemed them for their many excellent qualities.

JOHN B. STOFFEL. About thirty-five years ago John B. Stoffel came from his native Germany to America. He was then a young man with a few hundred dollars of capital, and with a courage and industry equal to all the hardships and hazards confronting him in his career in the new world. Mr. Stoffel has for the past twenty-five years been a prosperous farmer in Clear Creek township of Huntington county and long since reached a place of high esteem in the community and has founded

a beautiful and comfortable home and become able to provide for his growing family and at the same time enjoy the comforts of life for himself.

John B. Stoffel was born in the Kingdom of Luxemburg, December 6, 1852. His parents were Peter and Margaret (Feight) Stoffel, both of whom spent all their lives in the old country. There were ten children and three of them came to the United States.

John B. Stoffel was reared and educated in his native land, was trained to habits of industry, and thrift, and on coming to the United States in 1878 possessed six hundred dollars in cash. His first location was in the city of Huntington where he was employed by his brother in a tannery for a year and a half. After that he bought a farm in Jackson township, and settled down to a career of farming. Mr. Stoffel married Margaret Ludwig, who came from the old country, and who died a few years after their marriage. She left one son, Charles Stoffel, who now lives in Huntington, and another child died in infancy.

On November 17, 1887, Mr. Stoffel married Rosie Scheu, who was born July 15, 1858, in Germany. Their marriage was celebrated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and they came to Huntington county and located on the farm in Clear Creek township where they still reside. Eight children have been born to their marriage as follows: Frank, born November 11, 1889; Celia, born November 23, 1890; August, born March 21, 1891; Peter, born July 14, 1893; Edward, born February 14, 1895; Oscar E., born July 10, 1897; Hilda, born May 6, 1899; and Fred, born December 10, 1901. The family are members of the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic church in Huntington and are quiet but substantial people who are prospering and are active workers in behalf of their friends and neighbors.

Henry W. Schwob. One of the young men whose energy and enterprise have contributed something towards the increase of Huntington county agricultural wealth, and the improvement of rural life is Henry W. Schwob, whose home is in Clear Creek township. Owner of a paying farm, Mr. Schwob has his homestead to show for his years of labor and management, and in addition has heaped up some of that esteem and confidence paid by a community to the man who is a hard worker, an honest citizen, and a good provider for his household.

Henry W. Schwob was born in Jefferson township of Huntington county, February 17, 1872, a son of John and Mary (Miller) Schwob. He is of foreign parentage, his father a native of Switzerland, and his mother of Germany, their marriage occurring in the latter country, and in 1860 they emigrated to the United States, first locating in Ohio, and from there moved to Jefferson township of Huntington county. Their home was on a farm, and the father also followed his trade of shoemaker. Later they moved to Belleville, buying a farm at the northeast corner of Jefferson township, where the father spent his remaining years and died on January 6, 1907. His church was the German Reform, in which the children, numbering twelve were reared. Six of the family are living

at the present time, namely: Amos Schwob, of Warren, Indiana; Mary, wife of William Ellerman; Rosena, wife of August Bollhoefer, of Grant county; Kate, wife of Leopold Ruff of Jefferson township; Henry W.; Luella, wife of Harry Posey, of Texas.

The old homestead in Jefferson township was the environment in which Henry W. Schwob was reared to manhood. In the meantime, in addition to learning farming by actual practice, he attended the public schools, and lived at home until twenty-one years of age. Since then he has been on his own resources, and has farmed and accumulated a fine improved estate of eighty-two acres in Clear Creek township.

On February 24, 1897, Mr. Schwob married Lelah Myers, a daughter of M. S. Myers of Jefferson township, Mrs. Schwob having been born in the town of Warren, July 23, 1874, and reared in that vicinity, getting her education at Warren. After graduating from the common schools of Jefferson township, she attended the Marion Normal College, and before her marriage taught two terms in Jefferson township. Mr. and Mrs. Schwob became the parents of two sons, John W., born January 16, 1898, who graduated from the common schools, and has taken two years of work in the Warren high school, and one who died in infancy, named Henry Myers Schwob. The family belong to the Christian church at Belleville, and in politics Mr. Schwob is a Democrat, but has been little concerned with practical politics, although always ready to do his share of community work.

J. H. Neff. A resident of Huntington county since 1900, Mr. Neff has been one of the progressive and successful farmers in Clear Creek township since that time. In the early years of his manhood he began working on a farm, and in addition to experience also accumulated a small capital, was married at the age of twenty-four, and with the loyal co-operation of his wife has steadily prospered ever since. His name in Huntington county counts for good citizenship, for effective business management, and for the honesty and integrity always associated with the best citizens.

John H. Neff was born in Wabash county, Indiana, February 13, 1859, a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Fisher) Neff. The founder of the family in America was a Virginian named George Neff, who lived and died in that old commonwealth. Benjamin Neff was born in Virginia, and was three times married, his first wife dying in Virginia. After coming to Wabash county, Indiana, he married Elizabeth Fisher, and they became the parents of six children, of whom John H., the oldest, is the only one now living. The father brought his family to Wabash county, about 1855, and that locality was his home until his death. He was a minister in the Church of the Brethren, and active in the affairs of that denomination until the close of his life in 1899. After the death of his second wife he was again married, and the one daughter of that union is Daisy May, who is unmarried and living in Chicago.

John H. Neff spent his early years on the old farm and as soon as old enough he began assisting in the duties of the farm, and his oppor-

tunities to go to school were limited to the winter seasons. At the age of twenty-one he started out for himself, worked as a farm hand by the month and continued that way until his marriage.

On June 25, 1883, Mr. Neff married Sarah E. Miller of Huntington county. Sarah E. Miller was born February 2, 1861, a daughter of John and Sarah (Seidner) Miller. Her father, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, October 3, 1827, died at Huntington on March 7, 1912. He was married in Wayne county, his wife being a native of that locality, and they moved to Whitley county, Indiana, in 1856. About 1875 the Miller family moved to Huntington county, and in 1898 the parents retired to a home in the city of Huntington. John Miller by his first marriage was the father of thirteen children, ten of whom are yet living. Mrs. Neff was fourteen years of age when the family came to Huntington county, and her education was acquired chiefly in Whitley county.

After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Neff they rented a farm in Wabash county, and that was how they got their start. After some years as renters, they were able to purchase a small place, and through their united labor gradually prospered and got ahead in the world, until April 1, 1900, they came to Huntington county and bought the west half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-five in Clear Creek township. This is a farm possessing many improvements and highly valuable. It is located five miles north of Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Neff have two children: Mertie M., a graduate of the common schools, is the wife of H. P. France, of Clear Creek township, and they have two children, Mark and Sarah. J. Quinter, the younger, is a graduate of the Clear Creek high school. The family have active membership in the Church of the Brethren, and Mr. Neff is one of the trustees in the Shock church. His politics is Republican. Mr. Neff pursues his farming industry on a common-sense basis, raises much grain, and feeds practically all of it to his stock. He keeps some high grade cattle and hogs, and good judgment and industry are the secret of his growing success.

William F. Wetters. Among the enterprising agriculturists of Huntington county who have improved their property, and have shown their ability and progressiveness by taking advantage of modern inventions to increase their capacity and decrease the cost of production is William F. Wetters, whose farm is situated in section nine of Clear Creek township. Coming of an agricultural family, which for years has contributed its members to the tilling of the soil, he has made a place for himself among the substantial men of his community.

William F. Wetters is a native of Huntington county, born in Warren township, December 11, 1875. His parents, both well remembered residents of the same county, are Jacob J. and Charlotte (Rice) Wetters, who still have their home in Warren township. There were four children in the family, only two of whom are now living, a brother of William being John F. Wetters, who is also a farmer in Clear Creek township.

William F. Wetters grew up on a farm, and at the proper age en-

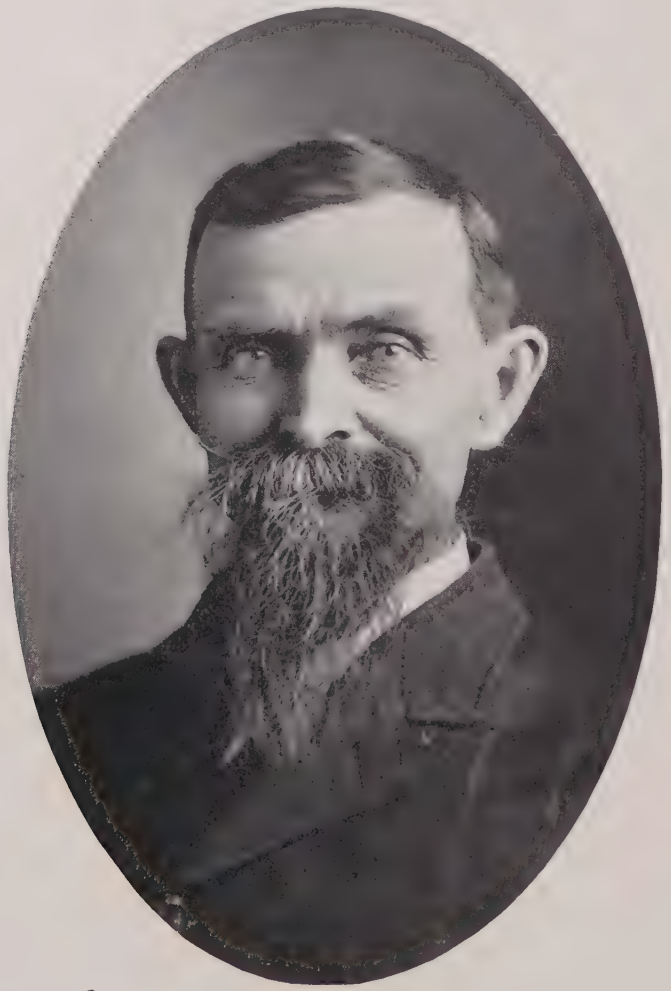
tered the district school, which he attended chiefly in the winter seasons for a number of years, and later was for three years in the high school at Bippus. His first important work when he started out for himself was in the construction department of the Bippus Telephone Company, with which he was employed for one year. He also worked at the carpenter's trade for one year, and since that time has given his entire attention to farming.

In November, 1905, Mr. Wetters married Miss Louise C. Kiser of Warren township. Her father is Martin Kiser, of that township. Mrs. Wetters received her education in the common schools and also in the Bippus high school. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wetters lived in Bippus about six months, and in 1906 moved to their present farm in section nine of Clear Creek township. Mr. Wetters is also a stockholder in the Bippus State Bank.

Of their children, it should be noted that five were born to their marriage, and the three now living are: Ruth, aged six years; Dorothy, aged four; and Grace, two years old. Mr. Wetters is a member of the West Point Lodge No. 688, I. O. O. F., in which lodge he is past noble grand and a member of the Grand Lodge. Both he and his wife are members of the Rebekah Lodge at Bippus, and Mr. Wetters is a trustee in the West Point Lodge. In politics he has always supported the Republican ticket, and has taken considerable part in local politics, having served as delegate to county conventions on different occasions.

Dr. Isaac A. Smith. But little over several decades ago "scientific agriculture" was little more than a high-sounding phrase; farming was generally considered as an occupation in which the surplus sons of the old-time large families might find their natural and only means of livelihood. With the passing of the years, however, developments of a startling character have been brought about that have entirely changed the aspect of farming as well as the attitude of mankind toward this vocation. Each year witnesses remarkable progress along this line, and to understand this aroused and continued interest, the effective work carried on during the last fifteen years by men like Dr. Isaac A. ("Soy Bean") Smith, of Warren, must be considered. A physician by profession, he gave up his practice to experiment along agricultural lines, and through his earnest and unceasing labors has contributed materially to Indiana's importance as an agricultural state, and the Bean Grove farm, a tract of 160 acres located three miles north of Warren, Indiana, on the southwest one-quarter of section 4, township 26 N., range 10, E., in Salamonie township, has been the scene of some remarkable developments and discoveries.

Doctor Smith was born on the farm on which he now resides, April 1, 1849, and is a son of David G. and Mary (Johnson) Smith, the former a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, and the latter of Harrison county, that state. They were married in Ohio, and in 1844 migrated to Indiana, locating in Salamonie township, where they entered a tract of 160 acres, the quarter-section described above, all at that time covered by a dense



Isaac A. Smith. Amanda E. Smith.

growth of timber. Mr. Smith engaged in farming, cleared his land and became one of the substantial men of his community. He was progressive in his work and public-spirited as a citizen, and is remembered as a man of firm convictions and even temperament. He was the father of five children, of whom two are now living: Thomas J., a resident of Sedgwick City, Kansas; and Isaac A.

Dr. Isaac A. Smith received his early education in the district school, following which he became a pupil in a select school at Warren. At the age of eighteen years he secured a teacher's license and began his educational work in Jefferson township, and, when opportunity offered, he attended Shurtleff College. Following this, he entered the department of medicine and surgery at the University of Michigan, and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1881, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In the same year he established himself in practice at Kelso, Indiana, and was rapidly rising in the ranks of his profession when ill health caused him to give it up after five and one-half years. Returning to the farm, he devoted himself to the raising of small fruits for about fifteen years, and at the end of that period began to concentrate his activities upon the development of the soy bean and to legume inoculation, in which he has become so well known all over Indiana and the surrounding states that he has been given the nick-name "Soy Bean" Smith.

To quote from Doctor Smith's book on this product, "the soy bean is probably the best plant known at present to grow protein for domestic animals in what is known as the corn belt, and second only to clover as an agent to supply nitrogen to the soil—even this latter point may be contested, if we consider the comparative time each crop occupies the land, and are satisfied to remove and sell off the land as small a per cent of the crop as we do of the clover. As compared with the cow pea it is hardier, may be planted earlier in the season and makes its full plant growth more quickly." It is interesting to note the manner in which Doctor Smith began to secure successful results in the cultivation of the soy bean. We are permitted to quote from the Indianapolis *News,* which, in an extensive article, said in part:

"These beans were little known among the farm products in Indiana and many farmers believed them, as some think of alfalfa, impossible of production in this state. Doctor Smith worked along with reasonable success, but, somehow, the soil did not bring forth the desired yield. In 1905 he received a circular from the Purdue agricultural experiment station telling of the tests made on the Purdue University farm in soil inoculation. The circular described the inoculation of soil by transferring bacteria-laden ground from a healthy farm to one lacking in the necessary nitrogen. In this case, the much dreaded word, bacteria, meant profit instead of loss. The Perdue scientists made it clear that the transfer of soils containing the bacteria found on the roots of leguminous plants would reproduce a yield of the same crops in another field if all other soil conditions were right. Sour soil would, of course, reject all attempts at inoculation, but such conditions are easily remedied. The

bulletin said, in discussing soil inoculation . . . 'Inoculation may be obtained by scattering over the field to be treated a small quantity (a hundred pounds or more an acre) from a field where the particular legume to be grown has been successfully produced.' It was the last sentence quoted above that caught the eye of Dr. Isaac Smith. If his farm could be made to successfully grow soy beans by the mere transfer of bacteria from the field where soy beans had already been grown he was going to give his farm some soy bean bacteria, as a soil strengthener. One morning Doctor Smith walked into the office of Prof. A. T. Wiancko, soil expert of the Purdue University school of agriculture. Under his arm he carried a large gunnysack.

" 'I'd like to get a little soil from your soy bean field to inoculate my farm,' Doctor Smith said. Professor Wiancko liked the businesslike tone of the farmer, but was compelled to reply: 'I'm sorry, but we're not permitted to give away any of the soil of the Purdue farm. If we did that it wouldn't be long before we would be without a farm.' 'But I just want a little,' Doctor Smith persisted. 'I've been trying to raise soy beans on my farm, but they don't seem to have the proper amount of growing energy. I thought I'd try inoculating a little piece of ground in a field where soy beans had never been grown. It struck me you fellows here would have just the right kind of soil to give me a start.' Professor Wiancko found in Doctor Smith exactly the sort of man for whom the university's experiment station was looking. The school had preached the gospel of soil inoculation, and here was a man ready to try it. The Purdue expert recalled that the men on the farm were employed at that moment plowing in a field that had contained soy beans. He decided to give Doctor Smith a start, and the two went to the soy bean field. There they found the soil rich with the little nodules that contain the nitrogen-giving power. Professor Wiancko explained the fine qualities of this form of plant bacteria and then gave Doctor Smith all the soil he could carry. The Huntington county farmer hurried homeward. On his way, he told several farmers of his intention to inoculate his farm and they laughed at him. Doctor Smith selected for his experiment a corner of one of his least productive fields, a tract that had been steadily farmed for years and practicallly was without soil life. He prepared the tract for inoculation and then placed the Purdue farm soil in a corn drill. Every particle had been crushed so that it would easily pass through the drill. The soil was then distributed over the tract. It was a happy experiment. Doctor Smith's soy bean seed brought forth a good yield the next year, and he then transferred some of the soil from the yielding tract to another that was nonproductive. Gradually he has inoculated his farm until today he has sixty acres in soy beans and is making money out of them. Not only is Doctor Smith finding the growing of soy beans profitable as a hog and cattle fattener, but he is marketing hundreds of bushels to other farmers for seed. He is also selling soil for inoculation purposes and, further, is preparing for the market a process of inoculation that will enter into competition with other prepared bacterial cultures now on the market. He says his

process is to be used in connection with the transfer of soils, but the method he holds a secret. There are several patented methods of inoculation, some of which the agricultural experts say are effective while many others are pure fakes and cost American farmers thousands of dollars a year. . . .

"Doctor Smith's experience with soy beans shows what is possible in soil development. When he began experimenting with bacteria he was the only farmer in north central Indiana who felt confident of the result. As a scientific man he knew he would at least improve his farm. From the start the soy beans made good. So successful was the experiment that in 1911 Doctor Smith told Professor Wiancko that he was in doubt regarding the future disposition of his soy bean crop. He did not know whether to sell the beans or feed them to the hogs. He had been receiving three dollars a bushel for the beans. With pencil and paper and a good pair of scales he proved to himself that even at three dollars a bushel he could make more money feeding the beans to his stock than by selling the bulk beans. He weighed his hogs at the beginning of the fattening season. So splendidly did they thrive on the beans that he figured soy beans at three dollars a bushel as a loss. He figured he could at least make $3.50 or $4.00 a bushel out of the beans as they produced fat on the hogs. In 1912 he had a crop of sixty acres of soy beans. He has averaged better than twenty-two bushels to the acre in past years. Doctor Smith has an interesting sample of this year's (1912) soy bean crop. He has cut one stalk that contains seven hundred pods, or about fourteen hundred beans, there being an average of two beans in one pod. The physician-farmer has been trying the experiment of feeding the soy beans to his cows, and he declares there is no greater butter fat producer."

Here, then, is a record of achievement well worth the life labors of any man. Throughout his career, Doctor Smith has steadfastly endeavored to raise the standard of agriculture and to encourage the efforts of his fellow agriculturists to make their land more productive. Witness the closing paragraph of his booklet on legume inoculation published in 1913: "In our efforts to build up a prosperous and permanent agriculture, we must keep continuously before us the fact that all plant life depends upon a series of chemical changes, mutually dependent upon each other, forming as it were an endless chain, whose working strength is measured by its weakest link, working automatically when the raw material and the proper conditions are supplied. For instance the raw material for the manufacturer of protein is everywhere inexhaustable. Its manufacture is governed chiefly by activities of the Azotic bacteria, and these again depend upon the existence and thrift of their particular family legume, and its vigorous development is possible only when abundantly supplied, in available form with the various elements entering its make-up; these again depend on the disintegrated remains of former generations of plant life; and thus the round moves on with a vigor which rises and falls in direct ratio with the activities that strengthen each individual link in the chain and determine the sum of results. It

is therefore evident that if we would draw largely on this store of unlimited wealth of nitrogen, we must have a chain that draws, and supply each and every link in that chain with the necessary strength to draw the load we want, and it rests with each individual husbandman to determine how heavy a load he will make it draw." Even when experimenting with small fruits, Doctor Smith was considered an authority in the farmers' institutes in this line, and it is needless to state that his advice and counsel are being continuously sought in the direction of his present endeavor. He specializes in the breeding of Duroc hogs, with which he has had most excellent success. While he has been an extremely busy man, with large interests to make demands upon his attention, he has nevertheless been ever ready to bear his full share of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. For eight years he served as president of the council of Huntington county, and at the end of that period resigned. During this time the building of the New Court House took place and other large matters taken care of, and in every capacity the Doctor displayed his capability and through respect for the high responsibilities devolving upon him. He has been a supporter of republican principles all of his life. With his wife and children he attends the Baptist church, where he is serving as a member of the board of trustees.

On April 15, 1876, Doctor Smith was married to Miss Amanda Garrett, who was born in Ashland county, Ohio, and reared in Wells county, Indiana, and to this union there have been born two children: Bertha E., a graduate of the Warren High school, who spent one term at the State Normal school and one year at Franklin College, now the wife of Clarence A. Craft, of Kokomo, Indiana, a graduate of Purdue University; and Lucian W., a graduate of the Warren High school and the Indiana Medical College and now a surgeon in the soldiers' home, at Lafayette.

Henry E. Laymon, M. D. The doctor of medicine occupies an established place in any community. His standing in his profession argues in itself for the possession of superior ability, and it is not, therefore, unusual to find one of the medical profession standing high in other fields of endeavor. Dr. Henry E. Laymon has firmly established himself in the confidence of the people of Warren, Indiana, not alone as a master of the healing art, but as a skilled financier whose management of large interests has at all times been such as to give him prominence in a community not lacking in able bankers. His practice in his learned vocation is large, and as president of the First National Bank he is constantly making his helpful influence felt.

Doctor Laymon was born in Jackson township, Wells county, Indiana, December 23, 1867, and is a son of Jacob A. and Lockey A. (Trout) Laymon. When he was six years of age he was brought to Jefferson township, Huntington county, where the Laymons had lived since the presidency of Martin Van Buren, during whose administration Joseph Laymon had entered land from the Government here. Doctor Laymon early decided upon a medical career, but the family was in modest finan-

cial circumstances, and he experienced some difficulty in obtaining his medical training. After completing the curriculum of the country district schools, he attended the normal school at Marion during the summer months, and finally, in 1893, was able to become a student in the Indiana Medical School. He worked his way through this institution, and in 1897 graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, at once commencing practice in Warren, which city has since been his field of activity. His ability soon attracted to him a large patronage, and he has continued to be one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the county. He keeps fully abreast of the advances made in his calling, and is a valued and active member of the Huntington County and Indiana State Medical Societies. In 1905, Doctor Laymon was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Warren, of which he was elected president in 1907, and his capable management of its affairs has since made this institution one of the most substantial in this part of the state, attracting depositors from all over this and adjoining counties. Another helpful enterprise with which he is connected is the Warren Telephone Company, which he helped to organize, and in which he holds a directorship. Few men take a more active interest in the welfare and advancement of their community. Fraternally, the Doctor is connected with King Lodge No. 246, F. & A. M.; Artesian Lodge No. 388, Knights of Pythias, and Salamonie Lodge No. 392, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political support is given to the candidates and policies of the democratic party.

In 1900 Doctor Laymon was married to Miss Vienna Ruby, of Randolph county, Indiana, a lady of superior accomplishments, who was formerly a popular teacher in the public schools. To this union there have been born three children: Ruby, who is thirteen years of age; Robert, aged eleven years; and Ruskin, who is nine years old, all attending school.

Rev. Edgar L. Jones, superintendent of the Methodist Memorial Home, at Warren, Indiana, is a man eminently fitted for the work he is now carrying on. An earnest and zealous laborer in the religious field, during the many years he has been a member of the ministry he has gained wide experience and great sympathy, and this, combined with his executive ability, makes him an ideal superintendent. Doctor Jones was born on a farm in Union township, Adams county, Indiana, March 30, 1868, and is a son of John B. and Catherine A. (Walters) Jones.

John H. Jones, the grandfather of Rev. E. L. Jones, was a native of Wales, and emigrated to the United States as a young man of twenty-two years, locating first in Delaware. From that state he moved to Ohio, and thence to Indiana, here settling in Adams county, where he resided until the time of his death. The mother's parents came to Indiana from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. John B. and Catherine A. Jones were the parents of six children, of whom five are living. Edgar L. Jones was reared on the home farm, and his boyhood was divided between work thereon and attendance at the district schools. At the age of fifteen

years he entered the Decatur High school, from which he was duly graduated, and he then took a course of two years in the Methodist Episcopal College at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church in the Northern Indiana Conference after spending two years in De Pauw University, and held various charges for some twenty years. On April 22, 1911, Rev. Jones came to Warren as superintendent of the Methodist Memorial Home, a position he has continued to capably fill to the present time. He has shown himself an excellent business man, and under his direction the institution has grown and prospered. His kindly nature and cordial manners have made him greatly loved in the home circle, and his sympathy with others, manifesting itself in unobtrusive labors for their happiness, has given him a strong hold on the affections of the society in which he moves. He has positive convictions of duty and truth, and, while charitable and tolerant, he has never hesitated to denounce what he has regarded as erroneous in doctrine or degrading in life, however it might be entrenched in popular favor or protected by powerful influence. Doctor Jones has interested himself in fraternal work, belonging to the Masonic Lodge at Ossian, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, and is popular in each.

Doctor Jones married Miss Melissa A. Helvie, of Delaware county, Indiana.

James W. Ruble. In the annals of early settlement of Huntington county, one of the names which is first to be mentioned is that of the Ruble family, and it is of this family that James W. Ruble of Salamonie township is a prominent representative. For more than sixty-five years the name has had its place in the history of Huntington county, and James W. Ruble is one of the older native sons of the county, and has been long identified with the industry of agriculture, a vocation which brings credit to its follower and helps to create the resources and wealth of the community. James W. Ruble is known far and wide as the proprietor of the Merry Hill Farm, a highly developed country estate of eighty acres, situated two and a quarter miles northeast of Warren.

James W. Ruble was born in Salamonie township at what is known as the Locust Glen farm, March 4, 1852, a son of Jonathan and Ruth (Ruse) Ruble. His father was a son of Walter and Sarah Ruble, and was born November 9, 1816, in Clinton county, Ohio. It was during his childhood that his parents left Ohio and settled in Randolph county, Indiana, where he grew to manhood, but subsequently returned to his native county, where on April 28, 1842, he married Ruth Ruse. She was a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Ruse, and was born February 13, 1823. A few years after his marriage Jonathan Ruble made a change of residence and established his home in 1848 in what was still the wilderness of Salamonie township of Huntington county. His useful labors helped to broaden the scope of cultivated land in that section, and he was a man of influence and fine character. His death occurred January 20, 1872. He and his wife were very active as Methodists in their com-

munity, and took a regular part in the activities of their home church. The faith which they possessed they carried into all their daily activities, and their home was noted not only for its hospitality to friends but for the kindness which emanated from its doors and which made it a source of help and comfort to many who needed assistance in distress. There were ten children in the family, and four are yet living: Mary J. is the wife of Levi Williamson; Sarah L. E. is the wife of Philip Shafer of Salamonie township; Aaron Ruble lives in Jefferson township; and James W. is the youngest of the four still living.

His boyhood was spent in the wholesome environment of the country, and his education was acquired by attendance at the old fashioned district schools, a type of educational institutions which have long since gone out of vogue, and there are perhaps only one or two schoolhouses in the entire county which would bear any resemblance to the temple of learning which Mr. Ruble attended as a boy. After his education was finished and he had made a practical beginning of his career as a farmer, he married Berthena Tharp, a sister of Isaac M. Tharp. She was born in Wells county, Indiana. Of the six children of that marriage, four are still living, and their mother passed away July 25, 1888. The living children are: Alva D., a florist in Indianapolis; Charles, who is married and a farmer in Salamonie township; Mamie, wife of George Brown of Liberty Center, Indiana; Lucy, wife of Leonard Break of Adams county, Indiana. For his second marriage Mr. Ruble married Alice (Thrailkill) Day, widow of Richard Day. Mrs. Ruble was born in Liberty township of Wells county, August 23, 1862, grew up there, received her education in the common schools of her native township, and was a daughter of Silas Thrailkill, who was born in Clinton county, Ohio, August 5, 1834, and died July 15, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruble are active members of the Methodist Protestant church, of which he is one of the trustees and has long been one of its most liberal supporters. In politics a Republican, he has often used his influence in the party for the benefit of good government in the locality, and is a man whose opinion and advice are much courted in this part of Huntington county.

Charles Smith. A residence covering a period of thirty-six years in Plum Tree has made Charles Smith one of his community's best known citizens, and the honorable and industrious life which he has led has given him a substantial place among its people. As a business man he has gained success through steady application and well-directed effort, and at this time he is enjoying a prosperous patronage as a blacksmith and is at the head of the general hardware firm of Charles Smith & Son. He has won his own way to position and financial independence, and while so doing has found time to assist in his community's advancement. Mr. Smith is a native of the Empire state, born October 15, 1856, a son of John and Christina (Wilhelm) Smith, the former of whom passed away in 1876 and the latter in 1910.

Charles Smith received a somewhat limited public school education,

and at the age of sixteen years left the parental roof and became apprenticed to the trade of blacksmith, an occupation which he has followed all of his life. When he had mastered this vocation, he followed it for some years at different places, finally entering the employ of the Door & Monroe Street Car Company, with which concern he remained for one year. He was highly recommended by this company, and in 1878 came to Huntington county and located at Plum Tree, which community has since continued to be his home and the scene of his success. When he came here, Mr. Smith was possessed of but small means, consisting of what he had, through industry, managed to save from his earnings. He was determined and capable, however, and soon had himself established in a brick shop of his own building, where he has continued to do business with ever-increasing success. Later Mr. Smith established the hardware store at Plum Tree, which he conducted alone for some years and then admitted his son to partnership under the firm style of Charles Smith & Son, and this venture has also proved a successful one and enjoys its full share of patronage. He has likewise found time to interest himself in agricultural matters, being the owner of a farm of seventy acres located in Salamonie township, not far from Warren, this property being under a high state of cultivation and very productive. As will be seen, Mr. Smith's career has been an active and industrious one, and has been marked by consecutive advancement and steadfast effort.

Mr. Smith was married to Miss Mary L. Sowars, the daughter of M. M. Sowars, and three sons and two daughters have been born to this union: William, who is a resident of Chicago, Illinois; Mabel, who is the wife of James Dodd; Edna, who is the wife of Ira Hawkins; Carl I., a graduate of the common schools, who married Mattie E. Ryan; and M. I., who married Dollie Alexander, of Warren, Indiana. Mr. Smith is a member of Salamonie Lodge No. 392, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Encampment at Warren; the Improved Order of Red Men, at Barbers Mills; the Hay Makers Lodge, and the Ancient Order of Gleaners. In politics he is a democrat, and although he has never cared for public life, he has always been willing to bear his full share of the duties of citizenship, and has served two years as superintendent of the Rock Creek Center and Plum Tree gravel roads. He is a stockholder in the Warren Fair Association.

Flavius E. Shultz. Individuals contribute by various services and heterogeneous gifts to the forming of a city. Some find their field in the founding of law and order, others in the establishing of institutions of religion and learning, still others in opening up the avenues of trade and commerce and in furnishing facilities for the transaction of business. In many different, although always converging directions they bend their energies and activities, according to some impenetrable law of organization, to the common welfare. Among all the various lines to which man may devote himself, none is more promotive of the reputation abroad of a growing city than that which furnishes a comfortable home for the traveler. Those whose journeys take them to Warren,

Indiana, find excellent accommodations at the Commercial Hotel and Restaurant, whose proprietor, Flavius E. Shultz, is one of the city's most substantial and popular citizens. Mr. Shultz is a native of Warren, having been born in a house on Wayne street, April 6, 1874, and is a son of Samuel B. and Mary E. (Edwards) Shultz.

The maternal grandfather of Mr. Shultz, Elkanah Edwards, was born in North Carolina, from whence he removed to Ohio in young manhood, and subsequently came to Huntington county, where he passed the remainder of his life. David and Esther (Paul) Shultz, the paternal grandparents, came to Huntington county from Pennsylvania, settling in Lancaster township, near Majenica, where they passed the remainder of well-filled lives in the peaceful pursuits of the farm. The parents of Mr. Shultz were married in Lancaster in 1867, and subsequently came to Warren, later moved to Converse, then to Hartford City and to Bluffton, and then back to Hartford City, where the father is now engaged in the blacksmithing and wagon repairing business. Five children were born to Samuel B. and Mary E. Shultz, namely: Joseph, a resident of Warren, Indiana; Flavius E.; William L., of Alexandria, Indiana; Arthur B., a resident of Indianapolis; and Earl F., of Elwood, Indiana.

F. E. Shultz was reared in Huntington county, Indiana, and received his early education in the public schools of Warren. Following this he attended the Warren High school for one year, at the end of which time he put aside his books and began the study of his trade, that of a baker. He started to work for Henry Badger, then was with Frank Shultz, and for some time worked at different places in Warren, also spending nine months at Greentown. Upon his return to Warren he entered the employ of Henry Badger, then worked for Clarence Harvey and Ora Souers, and April 10, 1897, embarked in business on his own account. He was possessed of practically no capital, but he was a thorough master of his trade and had the additional desirable qualifications of energy, enterprise and modern ideas. With these, during the seventeen years that he has been in business, he has accumulated a handsome competence, has a property worth $11,000, and has interested himself in various lines of business enterprise which have materially contributed to the welfare of his native city. His hostelry is popular with the traveling public by reason of its modern accommodations and excellent table, as well as because of the genial and courteous personality of the host. Mr. Shultz is one of the stockholders in the Warner Fair. He was an ardent republican, and as such served the city two terms as clerk, but in the campaign of 1912 exercised his right of franchise in behalf of the new progressive party. He is known throughout Huntington county as a member of the famous Schubert Quartette that sang at numerous political meetings during many campaigns. Fraternally, he is connected with Artesian Lodge No. 388, K. of P., with King Lodge No. 246, in the Masonic order, and with the Court of Honor. With his family he attends the Christian church.

Mr. Shultz was married in 1894 to Miss Nellie P. Purviance, born in Jefferson township, Huntington county, daughter of Elam Purviance,

and four children have been born to this union: Leon, born December 24, 1894, a graduate of the Warren High school, and now a clerk with W. H. Hickerson; Garl R., born in April, 1896, a graduate of the graded schools and now in his third year at high school; Buena M., born February 3, 1903; and Basil W., born September 22, 1908.

William Buzzard. The dignity of labor raises the farmer to a level of importance corresponding to that occupied by any class of producers. To labor long and faithfully, giving the best of one's ability and talents along any line of endeavor, is to fulfill the destiny of mankind and to make possible a happy, contented old age. William Buzzard, one of the substantial farmers and highly esteemed citizens of Salamonie township, is a man whose life has been one of constant industry and honorable labor, but who although always busy, has never failed to find time to make friends or to contribute to the welfare and advancement of his community.

Mr. Buzzard was born in Jefferson township, Huntington county, Indiana, November 26, 1859, and is a son of Jesse and Jane (Couch) Buzzard. The parents were early settlers of Wayne township, in this county, but after their marriage removed to Jefferson township, and there spent the remainder of their lives on a farm, the father dying July 7, 1896, and the mother November 27, 1913. They were the parents of seven children, of whom four now survive: Henry, whose home is in Ohio; William, of this review; Lucinda; and Luella, who is the wife of Leander Tumbleson. William Buzzard was reared on a farm in Jefferson township, and there secured good educational advantages. It was customary for farmers' sons of his day to spend the greater part of their time in the fields, and their literary training therefore was confined to such opportunities as offered themselves during the short winter terms in an adjacent district school. Mr. Buzzard was a studious lad, with a retentive mind, and he was able to acquire a much better education than many who had greater advantages. He was reared to agricultural work, and when it came to the time for him to make a choice of vocations he decided upon becoming a farmer, a decision which he has never had reason to regret. He continued to work on the home farm until 1886, having charge thereof from the time he reached his majority, but finally determined to establish a home of his own and accordingly left the parental roof. Mr. Buzzard secured his present farm by purchase in August, 1899, a tract of seventy-five acres located two miles northeast of Warren, on the M. B. & E. Traction line, an excellent location. Mr. Buzzard has one of the valuable farms of its size in Salamonie township, and takes a pride in making it pay in full measure for all labor expended upon it. He has brought the land to a high state of development through scientific treatment of the soil, has a set of handsome, substantial buildings, and his machinery and equipment are of the latest manufacture. In business circles he is known as a man of the strictest integrity, alert to grasp each opportunity, yet thoroughly respecting the rights of others. In political matters he is a democrat, but he has never been a politician.

On February 7, 1885, Mr. Buzzard was married to Miss Minerva R. Myers, who was born and reared in Jefferson township, a daughter of Irwin C. and Elizabeth (Mast) Myers, of Fairfield county, Ohio. They came to Huntington county, and were early settlers here. Mr. and Mrs. Buzzard have numerous friends throughout this locality.

Arthur P. Back. Many lives have entered into the foundation of Huntington county, and none of them more worthy to be considered in a history of the old families than the Back family, represented by Arthur P. Back, one of the foremost farmers and citizens of Salamonie township. The Back family was established in Huntington county more than three-quarters of a century ago. Those who have come and enjoyed the prosperity of the later era, however important their own contribution, have all owed a great debt to the pioneers who first tested the capabilities of soil and climate, who faced the hardships of existence when only the strong and brave could remain, and who laid the foundations of a greater civilization and permanent prosperity. Arthur P. Back is representative of the third successive generation which has thus been identified with this part of Indiana from pioneer days to the present.

His birth occurred in Salamonie township, January 25, 1858, a son of John and Mary A. (Swaim) Back. John Back, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, son of Aaron and Elizabeth (Hamner) Back, who in 1837 emigrated from their home in Preble county, Ohio, to Huntington county. It was John Back, then a young unmarried man, who had left Preble county some time previously, and after prospecting throughout northeastern Indiana, had finally entered at the government land office in Fort Wayne the North East quarter of Section 33, and the North West quarter of Section 34 in what is now Salamonie township. This land was entered for his father, and all the family came out to occupy it in 1837. Besides the Back household, there were only one or two neighbors in the entire surrounding country, and it required the courage of the real pioneer to establish homes in such a wilderness. The first buildings were erected alongside the Warren and the Montpelier Pike, and on that old homestead the grandfather spent the rest of his years. John Back entered vigorously into the work of clearing up the land, and some years after his settlement in Huntington county married Mary A. Swaim, a sister of Samuel H. Swaim. They established their home a short distance from the Warren and Montpelier Pike, and there lived and enjoyed prosperity for a long period of years. Of their nine children, three are living in 1914: Malinda A. Browley, of Winchester; Rettie C., wife of Abe Clingingpeel of Pulaski county, Indiana; Arthur P.

Arthur P. Back was reared on the farm which is still his home, grew up in the midst of conditions which have greatly changed for the better during his lifetime, and acquired his education by attending three months each year at the public schools of Salamonie township. Though the duties of the home kept him out of school during most of

the year, he accepted every opportunity to improve his knowledge and training and acquaintance with books and attended school at more or less regular intervals until he was about twenty-three years of age. His independent farming enterprise began as a renter of a portion of the old homestead, and he continued in that way until his father's death.

Mr. Back married Mary L. Irwin. By that marriage one daughter survives, Theodosia P., born January 23, 1888, a graduate of the common schools and also a student in the Warren high school. The mother of this daughter died October 7, 1897. Later Mr. Back married Alice P. Andrew, a daughter of Calvin Andrew. She was born in Salamonie township, and the common schools of that locality afforded her educational advantages. By this marriage there are three children: Edna A., born in 1900; Russell L., born in 1902; and Ardella B., born February 20, 1914; the two older attending the public schools near their home. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Warren.

Mr. Back since getting successfully started as a business man and farmer, has taken much part in public affairs, and is one of the men of capable judgment and broad public spirit who have helped to administer the fiscal affairs of the county. For four years he served as a member of the Huntington county council, and it was during his term that the new court house was erected at Huntington. While he gave close attention to all the affairs that came before the board during his term, Mr. Back's chief service probably consisted in his sturdy stand on the matter of the second issue of bonds for the building of the court house. He insisted and finally carried his point that the bonds should be issued for only a short time, and that course proved the wise one, since the bonds carried only a normal rate of interest, were sold at a good price, and have already been paid off and are no longer a part of the county debt. Mr. Back as a farmer has prospered, and his prosperity is represented in his ownership of one hundred and forty acres of land a mile and three-quarters southeast of Warren. His wife owns ninety-two and a half acres from the old Calvin Andrew estate. Mr. Back is a man of thorough public spirit, has a broad outlook on all interests of the world, and has never failed to carry his share of civic burdens. At home he has a number of old relics of the family and pioneer times, which are interesting witnesses of the early days in Huntington county, and are prized heirlooms of this old and notable family of Huntington county pioneers.

William H. Helms. Now one of the most prosperous farmers in Salamonie township, William H. Helms is a man whose success, which is of a large and worthy nature, has been won entirely as the result of his own well directed efforts. Coming to Huntington county at the age of twenty-one, without money and with only his industry to depend upon as a means of advancement, he soon afterwards had the courage to marry and go in debt for a small farm, which became the nucleus around which he has built up one of the best agricultural properties in his town-

ship. Throughout his career he has been public spirited in his attitude toward local improvements, and stands high in the regard of his fellowmen wherever known.

William H. Helms was born in Randolph county, Indiana, six miles northwest of Winchester on September 12, 1851, a son of Samuel and Anna (Ruble) Helm. His father, who was born in Indiana July 5, 1818, a date which indicates the pioneer residence of the Helms in this state, was a single man about eighteen years old when he entered government land in Randolph county in 1836, and in that county he afterwards married Anna Ruble who was a native of Ohio. At one time in the early days Samuel Helms worked for Ebenezer Thompson in Huntington county, when the city of Huntington was a mere village. Samuel Helms and wife had nine children, and the four still living are: John Helms, of Winchester; Mary, wife of Harmon Oglesby of Wells county; Thomas A., a resident of Winchester and a former clerk of Randolph county; and William H.

The first twenty-one years of the life of William H. Helms were passed in Randolph county, where he grew up on a farm, attended country school a few months each winter, and developed his physique by vigorous application to the plowing, planting, harvesting and other phases of the farm. The date of his removal to Huntington county was 1872, and for a year or so he was employed at wages by the day or by the month by various farmers in Salamonie township.

The real beginning of his prosperity dates from his marriage on March 11, 1876, to Eunice A. Irwin. She was born in Salamonie township June 5, 1849, a daughter of Newton and Elizabeth (Swaim) Irwin. Both the Irwin and Swaim families are among the oldest in Huntington county, having located here as early as 1836. Newton Irwin walked all the way from his native state of North Carolina to Indiana, and became one of the men who pushed back the forces of the wilderness and made way for civilization and all the improvements which followed the early conquest of the country by the pioneers. Mrs. Helms received her education in the common schools of Salamonie township, and during nearly forty years of married life has proved herself a valuable assistant and adviser to her husband and at the same time as mother and housekeeper has ordered the affairs of her home in such a way as to win the respect of neighbors and the lasting love of her children. After their marriage Mr. Helms and wife were renters for about four years, and he then bought forty acres of land. As his prosperity increased, he bought eighty acres comprising the west half of the North East quarter of Section 26, and that is his present home. The land when he first took it was only partially improved, and he has ditched the lowlands, and has introduced improvements of every kind, keeping it up to the modern standards of agriculture in Huntington county, and has also increased his acreage until his farm now comprises 112.66 acres.

Mr. and Mrs. Helms are the parents of two children, George F. Helms, who is a graduate of the common schools, and is married, lives at Bluffton, Indiana; Ernest R., who finished the course in the common schools and

the Warren high school, is married and lives on his father's farm. Mrs. Helms is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Salem. In politics Mr. Helms has for years supported the republican party, and has served as a member of the township advisory board. Always progressive and in favor of public improvements he was one of the petitioners for the Buckeye gravel road.

S. S. Foust. The village of Buckeye owes its prosperity as a center of trade and community life largely to the enterprise of Mr. Foust, whose varied activities have brought about not only his assured success, but have furnished a constantly growing service to the many people who find at Buckeye a convenient place to trade and to avail themselves of the various other conveniences of civilized life. Mr. Foust is a farmer, a merchant, postmaster, and his home has been at Buckeye thirty-four years, a period which practically covers the entire history of that village.

His birth occurred one and a half miles south of Buckeye on December 7, 1858. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Colbert) Foust. There were nine children in the family, four of whom are yet living: Senna, wife of Jacob Irick of Marion, Indiana; B. F. Foust, of Manton, Michigan; S. S. Foust; and E. A., wife of R. L. Irwin.

S. S. Foust was reared on a farm, attended the district schools, and at the age of twenty-one, being possessed of a small capital of one hundred dollars, had the courage to establish a home of his own, and with his young wife faced the world together and their co-operation has been one steady progress to success.

Mr. Foust was married in October, 1880, to Miss Amanda W. Allen, of Salamonie township, but who was born in Virginia, and came with her parents to Huntington county as a girl. Of the children born to this marriage four are still living: Jesse E., who graduated in the scientific course of the Valparaiso University and took up a career as a teacher, married Olive Redding; Ora S., who graduated from the Valparaiso University, is a stock buyer and shipper at Buckeye, and married Ada Caston of Ossiam, Indiana; Grace, who finished the course in the Warren high school, studied music at Valparaiso, Indiana, and in Evanston, Illinois; Esther, who also finished the course in the Warren high school, is a student of music at Evanston.

The family attend religious worship at the Methodist Episcopal church at Salem, and Mr. Foust has long been identified with that organization and is one of its trustees. Among his varied interests at Buckeye and vicinity he is owner of eighty acres of land, which he cultivates through tenant labor. When he moved to Buckeye in 1879 and began business, it was with a very modest stock of goods and with a very slender credit. He tried to give such service to the community that the people would prefer trading at his store rather than going to a greater distance for their wares, and as he furnished reliable goods, always discounted his bills promptly, and kept increasing his stock, it was only a few years before he was in possession of a paying business, and his general store is one of the best country emporiums to be found anywhere in Huntington

county. Besides his stock of general merchandise, Mr. Foust buys and sells grain, hay, and coal. He has been postmaster ever since an office was opened at Buckeye, and is also station agent for the Clover Leaf Railroad.

THOMAS W. BURTON. A son of the South, where he spent the early years of his life, Thomas W. Burton has been a resident of Huntington county since 1905, and through industry and energetic effort has become one of the substantial citizens of Salamonie township. His activities have been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and his success has been self-gained, for he embarked upon his career with only determination and ambition as his capital. Mr. Burton was born in Yancey county, North Carolina, March 22, 1867, and is a son of John W. and Sophronia (Ballew) Burton, both now deceased. The parents of Mr. Burton had a family of nine children, of whom seven survive, and all now reside in the South with the exception of Thomas W.

Thomas W. Burton was reared on his father's plantation in his native county, and received a good common school education. He was brought up an agriculturist and when he was ready to embark upon a career and establish a home of his own he adopted the tilling of the soil as his life work. He secured a piece of property in his native county, and there continued to carry on operations until 1905, in which he left the Old North state to come to Indiana. For one year Mr. Burton rented land while he sought a suitable location, and then purchased a sixty-acre tract one-half mile east and two miles north of Warren, which is now his home. He carries on general farming, and has made a decided success of his ventures, his standing among the farmers of his locality being high. Although he is practical and methodical in his work, he is a firm believer in the use of modern methods and machinery, and his equipment is the best to be secured. Each year finds him making new improvements on his land and his buildings, and he is constantly adding to his stock and his implements. In view of the difference in climatic and soil conditions, Mr. Burton's achievements have been most commendable, and it is doubtful if many men could have scored a success in a new community in such a short period of time. He is a man of wide information, both in his chosen calling and on other subjects, and is a close student of subjects of public importance. Formerly a republican, while still a resident of his native state he served for some time as postmaster at Ball Creek, but in the fall of 1912 he decided to cast his support with the new progressive party, which he has continued to vote. He has shown himself willing to co-operate with others in his adopted community in forwarding beneficial measures. Mr. Burton is interested in Masonry, and has numerous friends among his fellow members in King Lodge No. 246, F. & A. M., and Bluffton Chapter No. 95, R. A. M. With his family, he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal church at Warren.

On September 22, 1897, Mr. Burton was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Welborn, daughter of the Rev. J. M. Welborn, a minister of the Methodist church. She was born and reared in the same part of

North Carolina as was her husband, and, like him, received a good common school education. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Burton, namely: John Earl, a graduate of the common schools and now attending Warren High school; Gladys O., who also attends the high school; Ted, who is a graded school student, and Claud N., the baby, six years old.

William D. Irick. Huntington county is fortunate in the possession of such a family of splendid citizens and business men as that of Irick, represented by William D. Irick, one of the most progressive agriculturists of Salamonie township. The Iricks originated in Germany, represent the finer qualities of German citizenship, were transplanted and settled in America during the colonial days, and from Virginia became pioneers of Ohio, and from that state and from Preble county, the father of William D. Irick located in Huntington county more than half a century ago. The members of the family have been noted for their thrift, their ability to make a portion of the world the better for their having lived in it, their excellent neighborly qualities, and a high average of personal worth and moral character.

The late Joseph Irick, father of William D. Irick, and founder of the family in Huntington county, was born in Monroe township of Preble county, Ohio, January 17, 1829. He was a son of Andrew and Susanna (Null) Irick, and a grandson of Andrew Irick, who came to the United States from Germany, and was the first of the family to settle in this country. Grandfather Andrew died before the birth of Joseph Irick. Andrew Irick, the father, was born in Virginia, May 16, 1787, and from that old state moved northwest and became a pioneer in Preble county, Ohio. In that county he married in 1813 Susanna Null, and henceforth prospered steadily as one of the leading families of Preble county. Susanna Null was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, January 1, 1796, and when eight years of age accompanied her parents to Ohio. Andrew Irick and wife were originally members of the Methodist church, but subsequently became affiliated with the Church of the Brethren and were devout and active in church affairs. Andrew Irick died in 1860 and his wife in 1879. Their children were: Sarah, born in 1815 and died in 1900, was the wife of Adam Surface; John, born in 1816, married Delilah Doorman; Andrew, born in 1817, and died in 1846, married Catherine Miltonborger; Abraham, who was born in April, 1819, and died in 1891, lived for many years until his death near Huntington; Isaac, who was born in 1821 and died in 1888, married Deborah Cowgel; Jacob, born in 1824 and died in 1898, married Elizabeth Shearer; David, who was born in 1826 and died in 1889, married Susan Gephart; Joseph, the youngest.

Owing to the time in which he was reared and also to the fact that he was the youngest of a large family, Joseph Irick had only a very limited schooling and lived at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He became a successful farmer in Preble county, Ohio, and lived there for ten years after his marriage. Then he and his wife and children

WILLIAM D. IRICK AND WIFE, DAUGHTER FERN E. AND SONS
RAY E. AND WARD E. IRICK

moved out to Huntington county, arriving on October 30, 1859. They brought with them a couple of horses, a wagon, some sheep, some cows, and located on the farm where their son, William D. Irick, now lives. It consisted of one hundred and sixty acres, and its situation was the North West quarter of Section 24 in Salamonie township. A heavy frontier task confronted Joseph Irick and family since his land was nearly altogether covered with timber, and only a small place was cleared about the rough log house which afforded them their first shelter. The felling of trees, the uprooting of stumps, the draining of the soil, the breaking of the heavy land that had never known a plow, together with the privations and inconveniences of life in a new country, were some of the things the Iricks endured during their early years of residence in Huntington county. Joseph Irick subsequently bought one hundred and twenty acres more land in Salamonie township, and his prosperity and influence made him one of the leading citizens.

On November 29, 1849, Joseph Irick married Catherine Gephart. She was born in Preble county, Ohio, a daughter of George and Christina (Hoobler) Gephart, and a granddaughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Gephart, all natives of Pennsylvania. George Gephart, her father, was born in January, 1797, in 1805 accompanied his parents to Montgomery county, Ohio, and in 1818 married Christina Hoobler, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1794. After their marriage they lived quietly as substantial farming people in Preble county, Ohio, where he died in 1886 and she in 1850. There were ten children in the Gephart family, mentioned briefly as follows: George, who was born in 1819 and married Elizabeth Pence, moved with his wife to Huntington county, Indiana, where she died in 1881 and he subsequently married Mrs. Anna Stevens; Margaret, born in 1831, became the wife of John Medart; Elizabeth, born in 1823, married Eli Gephart; Sarah, born in 1824, married Henry Gephart; Michael, born in 1825, died at the age of twenty years; Rosanna, born in 1827, married Jacob Shearer; Catherine, born in 1829, became the wife of Joseph Irick as already stated; Susan, born in 1831, married David Irick; Mary, born in 1839, married William Brady. The children of the marriage of Joseph Irick and wife are as follows: Harvey M., born December 2, 1850, married Almeda Poling in 1876; Amanda J., born October 22, 1852, is the wife of John Shafer of Bluffton, Indiana; Celestia, born July 29, 1854, married Daniel Huffman; George H., born December 21, 1856, was married in 1882 to Phoebe C. Huffman; William D., born September 30, 1861, was married October 13, 1894, to Sarah M. Shumaker; Cora Alice was married in 1888 to Jerome Minniear.

William D. Irick, whose place in the family of Joseph Irick and whose date of birth is given above, first saw the light of day on the farm where he now lives, and his splendid place is known all over Salamonie township as the Midway Farm. It comprises one hundred and fifty-two acres located between the Clover Leaf railroad and the Marion, Bluffton & Eastern Traction Company, four miles northeast of Warren. Mr. Irick's father is now deceased, but his mother is still living, at

the advanced age of eighty-four. His home farm was the environment in which his early youth and boyhood were spent, and while he belonged to a family in fairly comfortable circumstances and was reared in a community which stood for the better things in education and citizenship, Mr. Irick has always been a vigorous independent worker, has won his own prosperity, and in that way has contributed substantial benefit to the community in which practically all his life has been spent.

On October 13, 1894, he married Sarah M. Shumaker, a daughter of Emanuel and Miriam D. (Joe) Shumaker, farming people of Preble county, Ohio. The father was born in Maryland and the mother in Preble county, Ohio. They moved from Ohio to Indiana in 1871. The father died in 1878 in Arkansas and the mother died in 1888, in Missouri. Of their four children, three daughters are living: Sarah M., Anna McClure of Chicago and Esta Hockett of Marion, Indiana. Mrs. Irick was born in Preble county, Ohio, in 1866, and came to Indiana and was reared in the family of Willis Hudson in Wells county. Mr. Irick and wife have three children as follows: Fern E., born July 7, 1900, who has finished the course of the common schools in Salamonie township; Ray E., born December 9, 1902, and Ward E., born May 15, 1907. The family are regular church goers and worship in the Methodist Protestant church at Boehmer in Wells county. Though a Democrat in politics, Mr. Irick has manifested little aspiration for political honor, and has been content to do his work as a citizen quietly and individually. As a progressive farmer of Salamonie township, he has always stood for everything that would advance and better conditions in his community. Especially has he worked for and advocated good roads, and when a survey is taken of the local highways and credit for their condition is properly apportioned Mr. Irick must come in for a good share of what has been accomplished. He has also kept his mind broadened and alert to influences and suggestions from the outside, and is interested in the work of the Farmers' Institute and other organizations that mean the improvement of country life in general and of his own community in particular.

Silvanus E. Stults. The substantial and representative agriculturist and honored citizen whose name initiates this paragraph is the owner of a fine landed estate of seventy-eight acres, in Clear Creek township, and is one of the prominent and influential citizens of his native county, where he is well upholding the high prestige of the family name, which has been most closely and worthily identified with the development and progress of this favored section of the state. He is a scion of the third generation of the Stults family in Huntington county, and here his paternal grandfather established a home in the early pioneer days, when the county was little more than a wilderness. Loyal and progressive spirit has characterized the family in the different generations, and civic and industrial development and advancement in Huntington county have been signally fostered by its representatives.

In the old family homestead, situated near the present school house

of district No. 4, Clear Creek township, Silvanus E. Stults was born on the 23d of November, 1862, and he is a son of Herman W. and Lucinda (Kitt) Stults, the former of whom passed the closing years of his life in the city of Huntington, judicial center of the county, where his death occurred on the 10th of November, 1911, and where his widow still maintains her home. Herman W. Stults was born in Stark county, Ohio, in 1836, and was a son of John and Mary (Beecher) Stults, both of whom were born and reared in Pennsylvania, where their marriage was solemnized, both having been representatives of sterling pioneer families of the Old Keystone state, where John H. Stults, great-great-grandfather of the subject of this review settled in an early day, upon his immigration from Germany. Within a short time after their marriage John and Mary (Beecher) Stults removed from Pennsylvania to Stark county, Ohio, where they continued to reside until about the year 1849, when they came to Indiana and numbered themselves among the pioneer settlers of Huntington county. The journey to the new home was made with team and wagon and Grandfather Stults became one of the first settlers of Warren township, his old homestead farm having been situated in Section 1 and having largely been reclaimed to cultivation through his herculean efforts. He was a man of strong character and wielded no little influence in the pioneer community, both he and his wife having continued to reside on their original homestead until the close of their long and useful lives.

Herman W. Stults was a boy of thirteen years at the time of the family removal from Ohio to Indiana, and he was reared to maturity under the influences and discipline of the pioneer farm, in the meanwhile having attended the common schools when opportunity afforded. As a young man he wedded Miss Lucinda Kitt, who was born in Clear Creek township, this county, where her parents established their home in the pioneer days. A long and happy wedded life was that of Herman W. and Lucinda Stults, and their loving companionship was sundered only when the devoted husband and father was summoned to eternal rest, his widow still maintaining her home at Huntington, as has been previously noted. Concerning the eight children the following brief record is available: Mary C. is the wife of L. D. Miser of Los Angeles, California; Almira J. is the wife of Lincoln Rodkey, of Buffalo, Oklahoma; Miss Ida M. remains with her widowed mother, to whom she accords the deepest filial care and solicitude; Landa H. is a properous farmer near Carter, Montana; Della K. likewise remains with her mother, in most tender companionship; Blanche V. is the wife of Professor John H. Shock, of La Fayette, Indiana; Morton is a resident of Decatur, this state; and Silvanus E., this review, was the third in order of birth. Herman W. Stults was one of the prominent and substantial farmers of Clear Creek township for many years, and was a citizen of distinctive influence in local affairs of a public order, with inviolable place in the confidence and high esteem of all who knew him. He was active in political affairs of a local order and served many years as justice of the peace of Clear Creek township. He made this office justify its name and his ad-

vice and counsel were sought and followed by many who thus manifested their confidence in his fairness and mature judgment. He served as administrator of many estates in the county and his word was looked upon as being as good as any bond, so that his name is held in lasting honor in the county that represented his home during virtually his entire life.

Silvanus E. Stults, whose name introduces this review, was reared to manhood on the homestead farm of his father, in Clear Creek township, and in the meanwhile he made good use of the advantages afforded him in the local schools, as shown by the fact that he was granted three certificates as a teacher, one covering a period of three years. He continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to the age of twenty-eight years. He has been the owner of his present well improved and valuable farm since 1813, and holds distinctive prestige as one of the enterprising and representative agriculturists and stock-growers of his native county. He is a lover of good horses and has raised on his farm many fine animals in this line, his live stock of all kinds being of the best grade. Broad-minded and progressive as a citizen, he gives his support to measures projected for the general good of the community, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is liberal in his contributions to religious and charitable activities, and his wife is a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Clear Creek.

Mr. Stults is one of the popular and valued members of West Point Lodge, No. 688, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been specially active in its affairs. He is past noble grand of the lodge, is at the present time serving as its financial secretary, and he has represented the organization in the grand lodge of the state. He is vice president of the Bippus State Bank and is one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of his native county.

In the year 1890 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Stults to Miss Ida M. Bonebrake, who was reared and educated in Clear Creek township and who is a daughter of Simon S. and Elizabeth (Culp) Bonebrake, sterling citizens of Huntington county, where her father was a prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Stults have two sons, Ray E. and Clark B., both of whom remain at the parental home and the former of whom is a graduate of the Clear Creek high school, the younger son having completed the curriculum of the regular grades of the public schools, in which he was graduated. Both of the sons are associated with their father in the management of the fine home farm and they are popular young men in the county where they represent the fourth generation of the Stults family.

Charles Keller. Among the progressive and enterprising merchants of Huntington county, Indiana, one who has won success through his own energetic and well directed efforts is Charles Keller, the proprietor of a flourishing business at Warren. Left fatherless at the age of eight years, he has steadfastly fought his own way over obstacles and discouragements, and today is eminently entitled to recognition as

one of his community's most substantial citizens. Mr. Keller is a native son of Huntington county, Indiana, having been born on a farm near Belleville, in Jefferson township, September 25, 1876, and is a son of Daniel and Laura (Archre) Keller.

The Keller family was founded in Huntington county by Joseph Keller, the paternal grandfather of Charles Keller, who came here at an early day and located on a tract of land near Belleville. He was an agriculturist by vocation and continued as a tiller of the soil until his death, being known as an industrious business man and public-spirited citizen. Like his father, Daniel Keller early embarked in farming, and was so engaged until his death in 1884, two years after he had located in Warren. Several years after his demise his widow was married to John J. Williams, and still survives him, being now a resident of Warren.

Charles Keller has been a resident of Warren since his sixth year. His early educational training was secured in the district schools of Salamonie township, following which he entered the graded schools of Warren, and was graduated from the high school of this city in 1897. In the spring of that year he received his introduction to mercantile pursuits, when he became a clerk in the store of S. A. Pulse, and during the fifteen years that followed became thoroughly familiar with every detail of the business. At the time of Mr. Pulse's death, in 1912, Mr. Keller succeeded to the business, which he has continued to carry on with ever increasing success. By reason of his natural abilities, wealth of modern ideas and constant industry, he has broadened the scope of the business, and through catering to the needs and desires of his customers has attracted a thoroughly representative trade. At this time he is giving employment to from ten to fourteen clerks. Mr. and Mrs. Keller reside on the old Pulse homestead, and in addition to his business he owns eighty acres of land in Salamonie township, located two miles north of Warren. Mr. Keller is a very busy man, with large demands made upon his time and attention, yet he has ever been foremost in contributing of his time, his means and his energy in forwarding movements for the betterment of his community and the advancement of its interests. He has shown an interest in fraternal matters, belonging to King Lodge No. 246, F. & A. M., the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Bluffton. A stanch and active republican, he is widely known in local and county politics, where his influence is far-reaching. Mrs. Keller is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Warren.

In October, 1900, Mr. Keller was married to Miss Daisy M. Pulse, who graduated in the same class with him from the Warren high school, and they have become the parents of three children, namely; Charles Allen, eight years old; Virginia Rosadean, four years of age; and Wendell Pulse, who is just past one year of age.

William E. Scott. Although he actively entered the political field but a few years ago, William E. Scott, sheriff of Huntington county,

is already accounted one of the influential factors in the public and official affairs of this section of the state. A man of courage, self-reliant, progressive in his views and conscientious in the performance of the duties of his office, his administration of affairs is proving an eminently satisfactory one, and he has succeeded in making friends in all political parties. Mr. Scott is a native of the Hoosier state, having been born on his father's farm in Union township, Wells county, June 24, 1866. He is the youngest son of William and Mary (Byrd) Scott, the former of whom was born in Trumbull county, Ohio. The father came to Indiana as a youth of eighteen years and settled on a farm in Wells county, but after his marriage learned the trade of carpenter, to which he devoted the greater part of a long and useful life. He stood high in the esteem of his fellow citizens, and for some years represented them in the capacity of justice of the peace. His death occurred July 14, 1899, while the mother, who survives him, is a resident of Roanoke, Huntington county, having reached a ripe old age.

William E. Scott was granted ordinary educational advantages, attending the country school of Union township, where he was brought up to agricultural pursuits. He remained in that township until 1895, when he removed to Fort Wayne, Indiana, and for four years was engaged in a mercantile business. Succeeding this he located at Roanoke, Huntington county, and followed the same line, in the meantime devoting a part of his attention to buying and selling hogs and sheep. He met with excellent success in this line and became widely known in Huntington county, especially among the farming class, with which he associated for some eleven years. For a number of years he has been interested in Democratic politics, principally in the interests of his friends, although he also served two years as a member and as chairman on the Democratic County Central Committee. He had proved himself loyal to friends and party, and this, coupled with his splendid record as a business man, brought him into public favor, which resulted in giving him the shrievalty in the election of the fall of 1912. He assumed the duties of his office January 1, 1913, and has since had no difficulty in demonstrating to the people of Huntington county that they made no mistake in their selection and in 1914 they nominated him for a second term as sheriff. There is every reason to feel that still higher honors await this progressive son of Indiana.

In January, 1884, Mr. Scott was united in marriage with Miss Annie Gardenhour, the estimable daughter of John Gardenhour, an old resident of Huntington county. Five children have blessed this union: Thomas, who is now deceased; Nellie, who became the wife of Samuel Rodenhouse; Ruth H. and Rose, who reside with their parents; and Homer O., a detective on the Erie Railroad, and who married Maude Longsdorf, a daughter of Albert and Rosamond Longsdorf. Mr. William E. Scott is prominent and popular in fraternal circles, a member of Roanoke Lodge No. 275, F. & A. M.; of the Roanoke Lodge of the I. O. O. F.; and of the L. O. O. N. fraternity.

JAMES G. I. PENFIELD. For more than thirty years the name Penfield has had valued and honorable associations with the City of Huntington. Both in this city and among the older employes of the Erie railway are many who have a kindly memory for the late Alfred P. Penfield, a veteran railway man, and also one of the useful citizens of Huntington until his death. The family is now represented at Huntington by James G. I. Penfield, a local jeweler, and a man who has won his way by successful position through earnest and well directed efforts.

Alfred P. Penfield, who met his death by accident on September 25, 1900, was one of the most prominent engineers on the Erie system between Chicago and New York. He was an influential member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and was widely and favorably known among railroad men in the middle and central western states. At Huntington his citizenship was regarded as an honor to the community. A man of rugged honesty, fearless in his convictions, with a clear head and a clean heart, he was known not only for his personal character but also through his service in the Huntington City Council and the Huntington County Council.

Alfred P. Penfield was born September 15, 1849, in Warren county, Pennsylvania. His parents were George and Mary Penfield, who had come from New York. At the age of eighteen he began his active career as a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad. Three years of that work was followed by six years in other lines of business, after which he returned to railroading. In 1871 Mr. Penfield became identified with the construction operations in the building of the Dunkirk, Allegheny Valley & Pittsburgh railroad. When this road was finished he was made fireman on a passenger engine, and in 1876 was given a regular engine. In 1879 he resigned to become traveling engineer for the Brooks Locomotive Works of Dunkirk, New York. In April, 1882, Mr. Penfield again entered the service of his former employer, who at that time was in charge of the construction of the Chicago & Atlantic railway, a portion of the Erie system. Mr. Penfield was assigned to one of the first engines on the new road, his orders being to take an engine from the Brooks Works to Hammond, hire his fireman and crew, and take charge of both ends of train engaged in laying track. The road was opened for business in 1883, and Mr. Penfield had the honor of piloting the first passenger train, a solid Pullman, which left Chicago over the Erie track. From that time until his death he was among the most highly prized engineers in the service of the company. During the World's Fair he had charge of the Erie Engineers' Locomotive, the "E. B. Thomas," and went with the locomotive after the Fair closed from Chicago to Jersey City. For a number of years he had charge of one of the finest trains between Chicago and New York, and helped to set a record for fast time in the United States. On one occasion he drew his train a distance of forty-two miles in fifty-two minutes.

Mr. Penfield was an active and influential member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. For over ten years he had been a member of the General Board of Adjustment on the Erie system. During

that period he also served as Chairman of the Local Committee on the Chicago & Lima Division. He held the position of Chief of Division No. 221 in Huntington for several terms, and had also been a delegate to several of the national conventions of the Brotherhood. He had great influence with the officials of the company and also with the Brotherhood. The fact that the Erie employes in Huntington did not lose their heads during the A. R. U. strike in 1904 was largely due to Mr. Penfield's influence, as he stood like a wall against the folly of the sympathetic strike which ended so disastrously. The Erie boys, through his influence and that of other leading and conservative employes, elected to remain loyal to the company, and the fact that they did so was a source of great satisfaction to the company, and was of decided advantage to the employes ever since.

In July, 1883, Mr. Penfield moved his family to Huntington, and that was his home until his death. On September 25, 1900, while in charge of his engine on one of the fast trains, he was struck by the crane used in suspending a mail pouch, and his injuries were such that he died almost at his post. Many tributes were paid to his faithful service and personal character, and among perhaps the most significant is contained in the following telegram sent Mrs. Penfield from New York by E. B. Thomas, one of the high officials of the Erie Company: "I am shocked to learn of the sad accident which has caused the death of your husband. He was one of our most valued and trusted employes and, while our loss is insignificant compared with yours, his death leaves a vacancy which will be keenly felt. I beg to tender you my most sincere sympathy and, if I can in any manner be of assistance to you, please command me."

Mr. Penfield's reputation as a railroad man was supplemented by his work as a citizen. He was a member of the city council from 1885 to 1887. That was a period of development, and he always had the best interests of his city at heart. He was one of the trustees of the Waterworks Board from 1892 to 1895, and he and his associates brought the system to a point of efficiency where the city could depend upon a pure water supply. When the county council was introduced into the county government of Indiana, Mr. Penfield was one of the appointees to the Huntington county body, and gave a service which was much appreciated. Fraternally he was associated with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Royal Arcanum, and in politics was a Democrat. On September 18, 1870, he married Miss Emily J. Nesmith, of Warren county, Pennsylvania. Of their two sons, the older, Harrison A., was born July 9, 1871, and is a leading dentist in Dayton, Ohio.

The younger son, James G. I. Penfield, was born in Warren, Pennsylvania, January 9, 1873, and has lived in Huntington since he was ten years of age. His education was continued in the public schools, and when a young man he entered the store of Olney Grafton, a well known Huntington jeweler. He served a full apprenticeship as a jeweler and watch-maker, and was manager and head watch-maker for this firm. With his experience and his reputation as a reliable business man, in

June, 1901, he embarked in business on his own account, and has steadily built up what is now regarded as one of the best jewelry shops in Huntington county. His establishment is centrally located, and he carries a complete line of watches, clocks, jewelry and silverware, and the excellence of his goods is supplemented by honorable dealing and a pleasant personality in his relations with the trade. Mr. Penfield is unmarried. Fraternally he is affiliated with Amity Lodge, No. 483, A. F. & A. M., and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Besides his own handsome home on East Washington street, he is the owner of several other properties in the city.

Peter Deiser. Among the leading citizens of Bippus, none has a better or more secure position than Peter Deiser, a merchant and banker of this place, where he has been prominent for many years. Mr. Deiser was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on May 4, 1857, and is a son of Jacob and Tessie Deiser, who were of German birth and ancestry. They were married in their native land and came to the United States soon after that event, locating in Ohio, where they continued for some years. They later migrated to Highton county, taking up their residence in Warren township, where they passed the remainder of their lives, save for a short period spent in Lake county, Indiana.

Of the seven children born to Jacob and Tessie Deiser, there are six living at this writing. Mary is the widow of Emery Petrie; Peter, the subject of this review; Louise, the wife of John Miller; Jacob, a resident of Lebanon, Indiana; Emma, the widow of Andrew Miller; and Celia, the wife of Arthur Buzz.

Peter Deiser was two years of age when his parents came to Highton county, this state, and he was reared on the farm home in Warren township. He had his education, not a very extensive one, in the common schools, and remained at home on the farm until he was twenty-three years of age.

In 1891, one year after Mr. Deiser had launched out for himself in life, he engaged in business in Bippus, and he has since been successfully occupied in mercantile pursuits in this town. He has accumulated some real estate and the building in which he runs his store is his property. In later years Mr. Deiser interested himself in banking affairs, becoming a stockholder and a member of the directorate of the Bippus State Bank, a thrifty young concern that promises sturdy and conservative growth along the lines laid down by its present management.

In 1881 Mr. Deiser married Miss Sina Morgan, a native daughter of Huntington county, Indiana, and well known in this vicinity. They have no children.

Mr. Deiser still retains an interest in the old farm in Warren county where he was reared. He is reckoned among the prosperous men of the community, and as an honest and upright citizen. He has the esteem and confidence of the community as a whole. He is a Democrat, and has always taken a healthy interest in the politics of the county and state. As to his fraternal relations, he has membership in the West

Point Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is a past noble grand and a member of the grand lodge of the order.

Dr. Ira E. Perry. When Dr. Ira E. Perry was graduated from the Indiana Medical College in 1905 and was awarded his medical degree, he lost no time in choosing a location, but in November following he opened an office and hung out a shingle announcing his readiness to minister to the physical infirmities of his fellow beings. In the years that have passed, few though they are, confidence has not been withheld from him, and he is today recognized as a capable and conscientious physician and surgeon, than whom none in the vicinity has a better or more lucrative following. Dr. Perry has won a secure place in the esteem of his fellow townspeople, and one of which he is well worthy because of his professional attainments as well as his many excellent personal qualities.

Born in Rock Creek township, Hyton, Indiana, on January 14, 1873, Dr. Perry is a son of W. H. and Rosa (Smith) Perry, both natives of Ohio. W. H. Perry, himself a son of William Perry, was married as a young man in Ohio, and he located in Rock Creek community soon after his marriage. He was one of the youngest of his father's children, and was a man of sterling qualities. He served in the Civil war, and died in Rock Creek township in 1878. Two years later his wife passed away.

Ira E. Perry received his education in North Manchester, where his mother moved after the death of the husband and father. Following his public school training, which ended in his graduation from the local high school in 1891, he became a student in the North Manchester College. He fitted himself for the duties of a teacher and taught in Wabash for two years, being very successful in that work, though he felt it was not the exact field for which he was best fitted by nature and inclination. After two years of teaching he engaged in the drug business with Dr. Gunther of North Manchester, and continued with him until the year 1900 as a partner, after which he bought the stock of his partner and continued to operate the business for two years. In 1901 Dr. Perry decided on a course he had been considering for some time, and he entered the Indiana Medical College, from which he was duly graduated in 1905, gaining his M. D. degree at that time.

It has already been set forth how he located in the fall of the same year in Bippus, and how he has since continued prosperously and successfuly in his chosen profession.

Dr. Perry was married in 1906 to Miss Lena Sandoz of North Manchester, and they have one son,—Fred G., born in 1910.

The fraternal affiliations of the Doctor are with the Masonic fraternity and West Point Lodge No. 688, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as well as the Knights of Pythias, of Manchester, Indiana. The Doctor is a republican in his political faith, and has been active in local politics to some extent. He is one of the trustees of Warrant township, and has done good work in the best interests of the community from a civic standpoint. Dr. Perry has also identified himself with the financial

enterprises of the city, and was one of the organizers of the Bippus State Bank, one of the newer and advancing concerns of the place. He was the first one to hold the office of vice president of the bank, and is now a member of its directorate.

A man of quiet tastes and manners, Dr. Perry goes on his way without attracting undue attention to himself, but his position in the community is one of which he may well be proud, and is the result of his earnest work and his steadfast character.

David S. Gephart. On a finely improved estate of three hundred and twenty acres in Sections 27 and 26 in Salamonie township Davis S. Gephart is most successfully engaged in diversified agriculture and the raising of high-grade stock. Mr. Gephart is one of the honored citizens of Huntington county who were born here and have spent all their lives in this county, and he commands the confidence and esteem of all who have known him from earliest youth. While his work as a farmer has brought him substantial prosperity, his relations with the community have also been useful and have contributed to the welfare of the vicinity, and his family is one widely known and esteemed.

His birth occurred on the farm where he now resides, but then largely wilderness and only a few years after the land had been entered from the government, on August 27, 1850. His parents were George and Elizabeth (Pence) Gephart. His mother was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, May 2, 1808, and his father was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, February 14, 1819. Their respective families subsequently located in Preble county, Ohio, and there the parents were married January 1, 1840. A few years later, in 1845, the father made a journey into Indiana, looked over the land, and finally entered a farm in Section 27 of Salamonie township in Huntington county. A log cabin was the first home of the family, and there the father lived, engaged in the clearing up and cultivating of his acres, prospered in a quiet way, and died at a good old age on November 13, 1906, his wife having passed away February 22, 1881. The father was one of the original members of the United Presbyterian faith in this part of Huntington county, and after a church of that denomination was established he became one of its elders and continued to be devoted to church and local interests until his death. There were three children, and Davis S. is the only survivor. The son, William F., died in 1860, and Mary J. died when ten years of age.

On the old homestead on Section 27 Davis S. Gephart spent his boyhood, and has many recollections of early days in Huntington county. He has been a witness of practically every important event which has brought about the modernization of the county, from the first railroad down to electric trolley lines and rural free delivery. His education was acquired in one of the little red school houses, and he profited by the advantages afforded in the local schools, and was well equipped for the responsibilities of his mature career. He took charge of the farm after reaching manhood, and has always cultivated its broad acres and has

followed farming on such a scale and by such methods as to win the highest amount of annual revenue consistent with the proper preservation of the fertility of the soil.

On February 17, 1870, Mr. Gephart married Martha A. Huffman. She was born in Salamonie township January 14, 1852, a daughter of John and Susanna (Myers) Huffman. The Huffman family were likewise among the early settlers of Salamonie township, having located there about 1847. Mrs. Gephart grew up in the same locality as her husband, and was likewise well trained for life in the common schools and in the performance of home duties. After their marriage Mr. Gephart and wife continued to live on his father's estate. To their union four children were born: Arminda E. is the wife of William Ware of Minnesota; George M., after graduating from the high school at Warren took up teaching, but is now a farmer in Salamonie township and married Effie Taylor; Charles A., who is a prosperous farmer in Salamonie township, married Myrtle Moore; Edna F. is the wife of Clyde Moore of Salamonie township.

The family worship in the Christian church at Warren, and Mr. Gephart is a deacon in that church. Fraternally his membership is in Salamonie Lodge No. 392 I. O. O. F., of which he is a Past Grand, and also belongs to the Encampment of the Odd Fellows. His political affiliation has always been with the Republican party. Mr. Gephart resides in one of the comfortable homes which for forty years has been a landmark of rural prosperity in Salamonie township. The brick house was erected in 1875-76, and all its surroundings betoken the thrift and efficient management of its proprietor.

Eli Keller. Profitably engaged in farming in Salamonie township, of which he is one of the most enterprising and progressive men, Eli Keller in the fifty-five years of his life has exemplified many of the best and most admirable and useful traits of character and attributes of citizenship, and is esteemed in accordance with his genuine worth and sterling American manhood. He has interested himself in the public affairs of his township and county, and has spent nearly all his life in the honorable industry of agriculture.

Eli Keller was born in Wayne county, Indiana, June 23, 1859, a son of Joseph and Margaret (Fitler) Keller. His father was a native of Germany and a son of William Keller, who brought the family to the United States, and they located in York county, Pennsylvania, where the grandparents lived and died. Joseph Keller was reared in York county, and after growing to manhood was married in that locality, and then moved west and found a new home in Wayne county, Indiana. From Wayne county in 1866 the family came to Huntington county, locating in Salamonie township, where the parents were known among the kindly and useful people of the community until their death. There were seven children altogether, and the five living in 1914 are mentioned as follows: William Keller, of Warren, Indiana; Henry Keller, of Huntington; Eli Keller; Mary, wife of James L. Johnson, of Salamonie

township; and Maggie, wife of J. M. Hart, of Salamonie township. The deceased sons are Isaac and Daniel, the former dying in Wayne county and the latter in Salamonie township, Huntington county.

Eli Keller, who was about five years old when the family came to Huntington county, was reared and grew up on a farm in Salamonie township, entered the district schools, had such training as was afforded by the somewhat restricted curriculum, and was given the privilege of attending school during the winter, while all the working days of spring, summer and fall were employed in developing his experience and his physical constitution in assisting in the varied duties of farm and household. When he was about eighteen he began making his own way, and though living at home until he was twenty-five, carried on agriculture as a renter for several years until he accumulated the means which brought about his first acquisition of land.

On March 10, 1885, Mr. Keller married Miss Ida B. Stewart, sister of J. M. Stewart, of Union township. To their union have been born four children. Elmer Keller is a graduate of the common schools and married Etta Click, of Dunkirk, Indiana; Howard, who also finished the course of the common schools, married Goldie Sutler and lives in Fort Wayne; Ola, a graduate of the common schools, is the wife of Elmer Bailey, of Jackson township, in Wells county; and Rena, who finished the common school course, married Ervin Carroll, of Lancaster township. The parents have taken great pains to give their children the best of opportunities, and have afforded them a good home and the advantages of the schools.

The family are members of the Christian church at Belleville, and Mr. Keller is affiliated with Salamonie Lodge, No. 392, I. O. O. F., is a democrat in politics, and at the present time holds the responsible office of supervisor of the township. His farming activities are carried on at a well improved place of forty acres three miles north and a quarter mile west of Warren. He is a citizen who has always performed the responsibilities of life in a becoming manner, and his friends and neighbors always speak his name with respect and esteem.

James L. Johnson. The winning of a comfortable prosperity after the hardest kind of struggle with fortune, and the establishment and provision for a home and a place as an honored and influential citizen of his community, is a short measure of the accomplishment of James L. Johnson, for many years identified with Huntington county, and now a resident of Salamonie township. Mr. Johnson is proprietor of what is known as the Poplar Grove Farm, comprising forty-eight acres and situated three miles north and half a mile west of Warren, in Section 7 of that township.

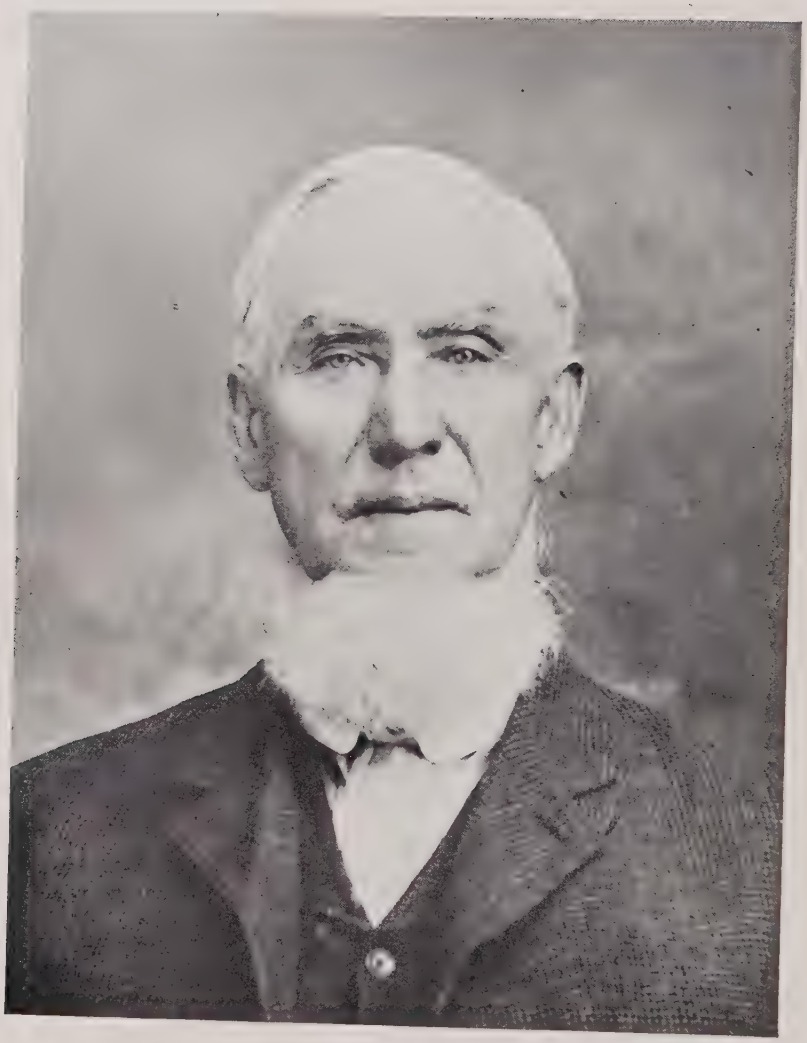
His life story is that of an orphan boy who endured many vicissitudes in his early life, had practically no opportunities to acquire an education, but by sheer force of native ability, by hard work, and by his steady ambition to make the best of opportunities, has accomplished more than many men who start in life under much more auspicious circumstances.

James L. Johnson was born in Johnson county, Indiana, about a mile northeast of Edinburg, in November, 1854, a son of Thomas and Charity (Cook) Johnson. When he was three years old his mother died and a few years later, in 1861, his father enlisted for service in the Civil war. Receiving a discharge from the army in 1864, he returned home, but soon afterwards disappeared, and nothing has ever been known of his whereabouts since that time. Thus made an orphan at the age of ten, Mr. Johnson was taken into the home of an aunt, and for a number of years he was kicked from pillar to post and altogether had only a few months of schooling. His work as an independent wage earner began when he was twelve years of age, and in 1871 he went to Illinois and spent one year working on a farm by the month. He then bought an interest in a sawmill, conducted it three years, and sold out on April 28, 1875, arriving in Huntington and beginning work with the Belleville Mill in Jefferson township. That was his regular place of employment for four years, and as he had a natural knack as a mechanic and had considerable experience in the handling of tools he next engaged in the carpenter's trade. This led him by a natural course into contracting, and it is said that Mr. Johnson has erected as many barns as any man of his generation. He has done a great amount of building in Huntington county, and one of the structures which he erected was the Belleville Christian church, built in 1888. For a number of years he has been enjoying the quiet prosperity of his farm, and is comfortably situated and has surrounded himself with many of the good things of life, while his esteem in the neighborhood is that paid to a worthy and useful citizen.

On July 12, 1881, Mr. Johnson married Miss Mary Keller. She was born in Wayne county, Indiana, September 10, 1861, and was brought to Huntington county in 1866, her family locating in Salamonie township and later in Jefferson township. Mr. Johnson and wife have no children. They are active members of the Christian church at Belleville, which he has served as trustee. He is also a member of Salamonie Lodge No. 392, I. O. O. F., and both are members of the Rebekah Lodge at Warren. Mrs. Johnson is also a member of the Royal Neighbors at Majenica. The political affiliation of Mr. Johnson has always been with the Republican party.

John A. Doversberger. Although he has been a resident of Huntington county for only three years, John A. Doversberger has already gained a firmly established position in his community as a man of practical ideas and excellent business ability. His well cultivated farm lies in section 6, Salamonie township, on the Warren and Huntington turnpike, four miles from Warren, and here he is carrying on successful agricultural operations. Mr. Doversberger was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, August 22, 1863, and is a son of John and Susan (Hoover) Doversberger.

John Doversberger was born in Germany, and as a young man of seventeen years emigrated to the United States. In Dearborn county,



John. H. Thompson

Indiana, he met and married Susan Hoover, who was born in this country, but was of German parentage. Some time after their marriage, they moved to Tipton county, Indiana, where Mr. Doversberger continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom four died in infancy.

John A. Doversberger was reared on his father's farm in Dearborn county and there secured his education in the country schools. His industry and application brought him a liberal training along literary lines, and he thoroughly familiarized himself with every detail and method, so that on attaining his majority he was admirably fitted to take up the work he had chosen as his life vocation. He was twenty-two years of age when he accompanied the family to Tipton county, and there he was married and settled down upon a farm of his own. Subsequently, he invested his means in a half section of land in Texas, and went to the Lone Star state, but after four years decided that better success awaited him in Indiana, and accordingly, in September, 1911, sold his Texas interests and came to Huntington county, where he now has a farm of 160 acres. Mr. Doversberger now has an excellent property, well cultivated, fenced, drained and tiled; modern machinery of every kind; good stock, and up-to-date equipment, to show for the labor, time and money he has invested here. His standing in the community is high as a man of business, and the honorable manner in which he has conducted all his transactions has gained for him public confidence. In politics he is a Democrat, but the struggles of the political arena have never attracted him so far as to cause him to offer his name as a candidate for public office. Good movements find in him a hearty co-worker, and the best interests of his community he holds at heart. Mr. Doversberger and family are members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Doversberger was married to Miss Anna C. Abplamalp, of Ripley county, Indiana, where she was reared and educated in the public schools. Her parents were natives of Switzerland who emigrated to the United States and for some years were engaged in agricultural pursuits in Ripley county. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Doversberger: Elma P., educated in the graded and high schools of Texas; Ezra, born February 22, 1899; Paul W., born January 24, 1901; and Ruth, born October 10, 1903. Daniel died in his third year.

Elijah P. Thompson. Among the old families of Huntington county the Thompsons have had a prominent place from the time when all this country was in the woods and swamps and prairies, before cultivation had begun, and while the Indians and wild animals were still the principal occupants of a region that is now entirely devoted to agricultural prosperity. During all these years their lives have been led along the paths of quiet industry and prosperity, and as farmers and good citizens they have done their full share for the enrichment of community life. There are few men in Huntington county who own a better

extent of fertile and improved soil than Elijah P. Thompson, of Salamonie township. At the same time his success as a business man has been accompanied by helpful and capable service to the community in which he lives, and his name is known throughout the southern half of Huntington county.

Elijah P. Thompson was born on Section 14, in Salamonie township, August 11, 1857, a son of John H. and Lucretia (Preble) Thompson. Several generations of the Thompson family have lived in Huntington county, and they originally came from Bracken county, Kentucky, more than seventy years ago. John H. Thompson himself was a native of Bracken county, while his wife was born in Preble county, Ohio, and each was brought to Huntington county when quite young. John H. was nine years of age when the family located here, and he and his wife grew up together in Salamonie township, and were married and spent their lives in that locality. They became the parents of eight children, but only two are now living, Emma A. being the wife of Asa W. Bonham.

Elijah P. Thompson spent his early youth on the Thompson farm, had the wholesome environment of the rural activities and influences, and attended one of the schools taught in Salamonie township forty or fifty years ago. His school attendance was limited to the winter season, while the summers were all spent in the varied activities of the farm. When twenty-one years of age his father, who was one of the big farmers of his time, started him out in life with one hundred and sixty acres of land. Like the capable steward, he has never hid his talent in a napkin, and has gone ahead and increased his property until at the present time he is the owner of eight hundred and eighty-four acres of the fine land of Salamonie township, and under his management it has all increased in value through his labors and varied improvements.

On December 9, 1880, Mr. Thompson married Lucy E. Chopson, a daughter of John and Susanna (Stroup) Chopson. She too is a native of Salamonie township, and grew up and received her education in the common schools in the same neighborhood as her husband. To their marriage have been born five children, namely: Webster J., who is a farmer and who married Mildred Shafer; Marcus W., who is a Salamonie township farmer, and married Gertrude Huffman; George E., who finished the course in the Warren high school, graduated from the Indiana State University, and later from Cornell University at New York with degree Ph. B. and is a brilliant young scholar who has been retained as a member of the faculty of instruction at Cornell University in the Physics department, and he married Miss Hazel Gullefer; Miriam E. is the wife of Frank Minnich of Warren; Ellen G., graduate of the Warren high school and now lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have taken great pains to afford their children the best of advantages both at home and in school, and have the satisfaction of seeing them all well situated in life and useful members of society. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Warren, and in politics Mr. Thompson has always tried to vote for the support of the Republican candidate, though not conspicuous as a party man.

MOSES A. RUSE. The name of Ruse has for many years been closely connected with the agricultural history of Huntington county, a number of individuals of the name having been successful farmers of this section. Prominent among them, one who is proving himself a worthy representative of the family is Moses A. Ruse, who is the owner of eighty acres of good land in Salamonie township. Like many of the successful farmers of this part of Indiana, Mr. Ruse has spent most of his life on the farm which he now occupies, and is therefore familiar with its every detail, as well as with climatic and soil conditions of this region. With this knowledge, in his work he has combined a spirit of progressiveness and industry, and thus has won his way to a well-merited success.

Mr. Ruse was born February 9, 1863, in Rock Creek township, Huntington county, Indiana, and is a son of William and Hester A. (Sutton) Ruse. His father, a native of Ohio, was brought to this county as a child of four years by his parents, grew up a farmer, and continued to till the soil throughout his life. He was successful in his operations, and at the time of his demise was accounted a substantial man and left his family in comfortable circumstances. With the exception of five years in Marion, he passed his entire life in Salamonie township. Hester A. Sutton was born and reared in Jay county, Indiana, and came to Huntington county in young womanhood, where she met and married Mr. Ruse. She still survives him and is now a resident of Warren. They were the parents of seven children, of whom five are living at this time: Moses A., of this review; Hannah, who is the wife of F. F. Sparks; Luella, who is the wife of Milo Hoag; Lizzie, who is the wife of John Brubaker; and Amos L., who is a resident of North Dakota.

Moses A. Ruse obtained his education in the public schools of Salamonie township and grew up on his father's farm, being reared to traits of honesty and industry and early learning the value of hard labor. He grew up amid agricultural surroundings, and it was but natural that he should adopt farming as his life work, a decision arrived upon when he reached his majority. Since that time he has been successful in his operations, being the owner of eighty acres of his father's old farm, valuable land, located three miles north and one-half mile west of Warren, and twelve miles west of Bluffton, Indiana. From time to time he makes improvements on his property, adding to his buildings, his equipment and his stock, and recently has added to the value of his property by the erection of a handsome modern residence, or rather by the remodeling of his former home. This has been changed completely, inside and out, and now includes ten rooms, with modern bath, and is surrounded by 120 feet of cement veranda, and covered with galvanized shingles. As a business man Mr. Ruse has shown himself faithful to every engagement and honorable in every transaction, and as a citizen he is ever ready to assist his fellow-citizens in forwarding all movements making for the advancement of religion, education and morality. His political support is given to the candidates and policies of the democratic party.

On October 12, 1882, Mr. Ruse was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Sparks of Rock Creek township, daughter of Isaac and Cynthia (Roberts) Sparks. Three children have been born to this union, namely: Mamie L., who is the wife of Orville Burgess, of Rock Creek township; Miss Ruth E., who is single and resides with her parents; and Willard J. B., a graduate of the graded schools and now a student in the Warren high school.

Emanuel M. Hart. Those states which comprise the central Mississippi valley have at all times been noted for their great progress, especially in the line of agriculture. The development and transformation of this region have been phenomenal; but yesterday wide-spreading prairies and heavily timbered forests, wild game and wild men; today blossoming fields, productive farms paying ten-fold for the labors expended upon them, prosperous towns and cities, centers of education and religion. The very spirit of progress and enterprise seems to permeate this part of the country and to have entered into the very character of the citizens who have made this section their home. While not one of the first settlers of this region, Emanuel M. Hart has lived here for more than sixty years, and has been an eye-witness of and a participant in the most wonderful period of Huntington county's growth. He was born on the farm on which he now carries on operations, in Salamonie township, October 4, 1852, and is a son of Wesley and Sarah (Shideler) Hart, both of whom belonged to old and honored families of Wayne county, Ohio. The parents of Mr. Hart passed peaceful lives in the pursuits of agriculture, the father dying in 1874, and the mother in 1907. They were the parents of ten children, of whom three are living at this time, namely: James M., who is engaged in farming in Salamonie township; Amanda, who is the wife of John W. Wysong, also of this township, a farmer; and Emanuel M.

The boyhood of Emanuel M. Hart differed little from that of other farmers' sons of his community, in that from the time he was old enough to reach the plowhandles he did his full share of work on the home place, and secured his education during the short winter months in the district school near to his feather's house. He was an industrious and ambitious lad and made the most of whatever chances came his way, so that he obtained a good mental training and also thoroughly familiarized himself with the work of the homestead. Upon attaining his majority, he elected to remain on the farm on which he had been born, and assumed its management, which he has retained to the present time. This is a tract of eighty acres, located in section 4, three miles north of Warren. Mr. Hart has gained an enviable success in his agricultural ventures and is considered a capable and thoroughly honorable business man. He is public spirited and can be relied upon to support movements making for the betterment of his community, while his progressive spirit has caused him to adopt new and modern methods in his work. His political affiliation is with the democratic party, but the greater part of his activities in the public arena have consisted of his support of good men and measures.

In 1874, Mr. Hart was married to Miss Hannah M. Neff, daughter of John and Mariah (McFarren) Neff, and five children have been born to this union, of whom four are living: Clinton, a graduate of the Warren high school and a merchant at Liberty Center, Indiana; W. A., a blacksmith at Majenica; Sarah, who is the wife of Charles Souers, of Rock Creek township; and Ruby B., a graduate of the Warren high school, formerly a teacher in the schools of Huntington county; and now the wife of Ora Laurance, of this county.

Garrett O. Tucker. The various pursuits which have occupied the attention of Garrett O. Tucker, and the success that he has gained therein, have demonstrated his versatility as a business man and show his right to a position among the successful citizens whose activities are contributing to Huntington county's business prosperity and importance. Primarily a farmer, he has also been successful in the field of manufacture and in trade and commerce, and until recently dealt in coal, lime and cement, with an excellent patronage. Mr. Tucker was born in Edgar county, Illinois, October 9, 1859, and is a son of Osborne and Irena (Parks) Tucker, both of whom are deceased.

There was little difference between the boyhood of Mr. Tucker and that of other sons of Illinois farmers of his day. He attended the district schools of his native county when opportunity offered during the winter terms, and in the rest of the year assisted his father in plowing, planting and reaping and in the thousand and one tasks which make up the daily labor of the agriculturists. He became thoroughly familiar with every detail of farm work, and upon reaching his majority began farming on his own account, continuing to be so engaged for a period of three years. At the end of that time he turned his attention to the manufacture of tile, a business with which he was identified for six years, and during this time gained a working capital that enabled him to pursue various lines of industry for several years. Mr. Tucker came to Indiana in 1909, and purchased a quarter-section of land in Rock Creek township, Huntington county, which he farmed for three years, and at the end of that time rented his land and came to Warren, where he became a dealer in coal, lime and cement. In his business transactions Mr. Tucker was always found reliable, prompt in his engagements, and possessed of a high sense of business ethics. He succeeded through the medium of his own efforts, through the grasping of opportunities and through the capable manner in which he directed each of his ventures.

In the spring of 1914 he sold his business and is now superintending his farm.

Mr. Tucker was married while a resident of Edgar county, Illinois, to Miss Nettie Wright, a native of that county and a member of a respected family there. Two sons have been born to this union: Truman O., a graduate of the graded and high schools of Illinois and of the school of pharmacy at Angola College, and now successfully engaged in the drug business at Anderson, Indiana; and Forrest K., a graduate

of the graded and high schools of Paris, Illinois, who also attended Angola College for one year, married Miss G. Smetherst and is now engaged in operating his father's farm in Rock Creek township. Mr. Tucker is a member of the Christian church at Warren, and for some time has served as its treasurer. His fraternal connection is with Horace Lodge No. 902, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is past grand, and has many friends in this order as well as in business and social circles. His political belief is that of the republican party, with which organization he has been connected since attaining his majority.

Olney L. Lieurance. The community of Salamonie township has in Olney L. Lieurance a substantial farmer and reliable citizen, who may be depended upon to act wisely in movements where the welfare of his section is concerned. A son of the soil and reared amid agricultural surroundings, he has devoted his activities to farming, and the success which has rewarded his efforts testifies eloquently to the fact that he made no mistake when he chose his career. Mr. Lieurance was born in Clinton county, Ohio, October 28, 1861, and is a son of James and Rebecca J. (Murphy) Lieurance. His parents were born, reared and educated in Clinton county, and were there married, and in 1862 came to Huntington county, locating in the southeastern part of Salamonie township. There the mother passed away in 1875, and the father was again married. His death occurred in 1895. By his first union he had four children: Z. P., a resident of Liberty township, Wells county; Ida, who is the wife of Dan Fisher, of Liberty Center; J. W., who is living in Salamonie township; and Olney L.

Mr. Lieurance was reared on his father's farm in Salamonie township, and attended the Salem district school during the winter terms, the summer months being passed in assisting his father with the duties of the homestead. At the age of twenty-one years he left home, and for one year worked in the mill at Buckeye, Indiana, following which he went to Kansas and spent three years at various occupations. Upon his return to Huntington county he settled upon his present property, a tract of forty acres, lying three and one-half miles north of Warren, Indiana. Here Mr. Lieurance has continued to successfully pursue general agricultural operations, and his land is now under a high state of cultivation, due to his scientific treatment of the soil. He has a set of substantial buildings, good equipment and livestock, and his machinery is of the latest improved character. A man of practical ideas, alive to all the advancements being made in his calling, he is achieving success through earnest and untiring effort. Mr. Lieurance bears the reputation of being reliable in his business transactions, and his associates have every reason to place confidence in his ability. Mr. Lieurance is a democrat and while he has taken no particularly active part in politics is interested in all that affects his community, and has done all in his power to further its advancement. His fraternal connection is with Mount Zion Lodge No. 684, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On November 1, 1899, Mr. Lieurance was married to Miss Bessie M. Fults, who was born in Marion county, Indiana, November 2, 1880, a daughter of John W. and Mary E. (Gardner) Fults. Mr. Fults served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, and was in the service four years, participating in a number of fierce engagements. He died in 1901, while the mother is still living. Mrs. Lieurance was educated in the graded school at Traders Point. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lieurance: Lloyd C., born September 13, 1900; Edith M., born October 16, 1901, and died August 23, 1902; and Glenn I., born May 25, 1903. The family worships at the Christian church at Plum Tree.

D. Clinton Butler. One of the old and honored families of Indiana, which has been identified with the history of this state since 1806, is that bearing the name of Butler whose members have taken honorable positions in the various walks of life and have always ably filled them. A worthy representative of this family is found in the person of D. Clinton Butler, locomotive engineer in the service of the Erie Railroad, with a run from Huntington, Indiana, to Chicago, Illinois, and a resident of the former city. Mr. Butler, who is a descendant of Indiana pioneers on both sides of his house, was born in Whitler county, Indiana, November 10, 1862, and is the only son of Beale and Letitia (Smith) Butler.

The Butler family was of Quaker origin and was founded in Indiana by the great-grandparents of D. Clinton Butler, who came to this commonwealth many years before it became a state, in 1806. The grandfather, William Butler, was born in Georgia. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Butler was John Smith, a native of Virginia, who came to Indiana about the year 1820 and settled in Wayne county. Both the Butler and Smith families located in the green woods, their first houses being of log and very primitive in character. Neighbors were few and far between, but Indians were still numerous, although inclined to be friendly. All kinds of wild game, deer, bear and elk, were plentiful, and the family larder could be easily supplied by a few well-directed shots almost from the cabin door. While the country was new, the people were all on an equality, were at all times friendly and neighborly, hospitable and ready to help one another. The parents of Mr. Butler were born in Wayne county, the father in August, 1838, and the mother in May, 1841, and there both spent their lives in agricultural pursuits, Beale Butler passing away in 1905 and the mother one year before.

D. Clinton Butler acquired his early education in the district schools, and grew up as a farmer's son, his work in the fields giving him bodily strength and a good constitution. On leaving the district schools he went to Clarinda, Iowa, where he attended school for two years, and then returned to the home farm on which he remained until his eighteenth year. At that time he was attracted, like so many country boys, by the life of a railroad man, and he accordingly sought and secured a position with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad,

with which he remained one year. On July 8, 1883, he became a fireman on the Erie Railroad, and held that position on one of the first freight engines to pass over that line, running from Huntington to Chicago. He continued in this capacity until December 10, 1886 when he was promoted to freight engineer and still later to engineer on a passenger run. During his long and faithful service with this company, Mr. Butler has carried many thousands of people on his train, and has never had a serious accident. He is one of his company's most reliable and trustworthy men, and has the unqualified confidence of his employers.

In 1888, Mr. Butler was married to Miss Annetta Campbell, of Huntington, a daughter of William I. Campbell, an old and well-known citizen of Huntington, and Sarah (Morehead) Campbell. To this union there have been born three sons and a daughter, as follows: K. Dean, now a resident of the Pacific coast, in Oregon; Mildred G., who married A. A. Piper and is a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio; Ben I. and Melville Clinton, both now students in the high school at Huntington.

Mr. Butler is a prominent Mason, belonging to Amity Lodge No. 483, F. & A. M.; Huntington Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., and Huntington Commandery No. 35, K. T. He also holds membership in the Elks Lodge No. 805, and is a member of the Commercial Club of Huntington. In politics he is a stanch republican and has taken an active part in local affairs, often representing his county as delegate to state conventions. He has often been solicited to become a candidate for local honors, but has refused. Mr. Butler has a neat and substantial residence on Henry street, one of the best resident streets in the city of Huntington, located on the South side, and has a country home at Bass Lake.

Henry M. Friedley. For more than forty years Henry M. Friedley has been a resident of Lancaster township, and during this period he has become known as one of this section's most enterprising and reliable agriculturists. Time has but brightened his reputation in business circles and among the representative men of the township has given him a reputation that is enviable. Mr. Friedley was born in Lancaster township, Huntington county, Indiana, on the farm now owned by Anderson Potts, November 19, 1872, and is a son of Samuel H. and Charlotte (Brumbaugh) Friedley, natives of Pennsylvania. There were three children in the family, of whom two are living in 1913: Christy, who is the wife of J. E. Shideler, of Lancaster township; and Henry M., of this review.

Henry M. Friedley, or "Mon" Friedley, as he is familiarly and affectionately called by his intimates, was reared on the homestead farm, and received his education in the district schools of Lancaster township, the terms in which lasted for a few months each winter. During the rest of the year Mr. Friedley became familiar with the hard work of the home farm, and he thus grew to manhood, strong in body and alert in mind, ready and capable to take his place among the world's

workers when his opportunity should arise. At the time of his marriage, when he was twenty-seven years of age, he left the parental roof and embarked in a venture of his own, being now the owner of eighty acres of land located five miles south and one-half mile west of Huntington. Consecutive purpose and clearly defined effort in life will eventuate in the attaining of a due measure of success, but in following out Mr. Friedley's career in gaining prosperity there comes into view the intrinsic individuality which has made such accomplishment possible. The qualities which have made him one of the successful men of his community in a material way have also brought him the esteem of his fellow-townsmen, for his career has been one of well-directed energy, strong determination and honorable methods. Although the greater part of his attention has been devoted to the raising of stock, he has also met with decided success in general farming, and is known as one who is thoroughly versed in up-to-date methods. In political matters a republican, he has been active in local affairs, although more as a director and supporter than as a seeker for personal preferment. With his family, he attends the Church of the Brethren, at Loon Creek, and at present is serving as a deacon thereof. All movements making for progress, for good citizenship, or for advancements in the people's interest have his hearty approval and support.

In February, 1899, Mr. Friedley was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Heaston, who was born and reared in Lancaster township, and educated in the public schools, daughter of Joseph Heaston, a well-to-do agriculturist of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Friedley have three children: Virgie R., born in April, 1902; Russell, born November 17, 1908; and Mary E., born July 30, 1913.

William H. Paul. The Duroc Stock Farm, a fine place of one hundred and sixty acres in Lancaster township, is the property of William H. Paul, a resident here since 1902 and a native of Huntington township, this county, born on May 8, 1875. He is a son of David and Sarah (Gourley) Paul, natives of Pennsylvania and Indiana, respectively, and both now residents of Lancaster township.

Six children were born to these parents, William H. being the eldest. The others are Ora E., of Lancaster township; Ella M., the wife of James Gilbert; Clara B., married to Leroy Funk; Herman S., unmarried, as is also Jesse.

William H. Paul was reared on the Huntington township farm and there attended the district schools. He later was a student in the State Normal School, after which he engaged in teachinig and for six terms was engaged in pedagogic work. It was not sufficiently to his liking, however, to induce him to continue in the teaching profession indefinitely, and the result was that he finally took up farming in Lancaster township, where he now has a fine farm, given over largely to the breeding of pure blooded Jersey Duroc hogs. The time that Mr. Paul devoted to teaching proved him to be a capable instructor, and had he continued in that work he would have undoubtedly made an excellent record for

himself in the profession, but too many farmers of his type will never be found in any community, so that what has been a decided loss to the teaching profession and to education in Huntington county has been an equal gain to the agricultural industry.

Mr. Paul's farm is located in Section 20, and is nine miles southwest of the town of Huntington,—one of the fine places of the township.

A stanch republican, Mr. Paul has manifested a wholesome interest in the politics of the town and county, and has ever shown himself a citizen of excellent type. He has taken a hand in local politics as an office holder and his standing among his fellow citizens is of the highest. He is a member of the Church of the Brethern at Lancaster, Indiana, his wife also having membersip there with him.

Mr. Paul was married on the 18th of March, 1899, to Miss Bertha Tuttle, a daughter of J. W. D. Tuttle, who was reared in Lancaster township. Three children have been born to them—Harry D., aged twelve years; Oscar, seven years old, and Kathryn A., who is aged four.

Alpha M. Ewart. One of the prosperous farmers among the younger generation of farming men in Rock Creek township, where there are many successful and enterprising agricultural men, as none will deny, is Alpha M. Ewart, general farmer and a breeder of blooded Poland-China hogs. Mr. Ewart has devoted himself to farm life from his boyhood, and he is realizing a distinct and pleasing success in his chosen work.

Born in Jefferson township, this county, on September 3, 1873, Alpha M. Ewart is a son of Theodore and Caroline (First) Ewart, and of their two sons he is the only surviving child. The other, James W. Ewart, married and died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on November 11, 1905.

Alpha M. Ewart was reared on the home farm in Jefferson county and Rock Creek township, and he had his education in the schools of the latter place, to which the family removed in his boyhood. He remained on the home place until he was twenty years old, when he launched out into independent farm life. He operates his father's farm.

In 1892 Mr. Ewart married Miss Maude Smith, and to them were born two children. Harry C. Ewart was graduated from the Rock Creek Center high school and Hazel M. is now a student in the same school. Mr. Ewart was twice married, and on March 16, 1904, he wedded Lulu M. Sutton, of Louisville, Kentucky. She was born in Marion county, Kentucky, and when she was three years of age moved to Louisville with her parents, and was there educated in the public schools. She was unable to carry out the plans of her family for a higher education because of defective eyesight that manifested itself in her teens, compelling her to leave her studies in the high school. No children have been born of this second marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewart are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Plum Tree, and are active in the good works of that organization. Mr. Ewart is fraternally identified with Solomon Lodge No. 392, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Warren, Indiana, Encampment

No. 167, Rebekah Lodge No. 262, and Canton No. 56, at Bluffton, Indiana. He is Past Chief Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Indiana of the Modern Woodmen of America. A Republican in politics, he has been active in local and district politics, and has taken a prominent place in his community along lines of active improvement and general progress. His citizenship is of a high order, and he has the esteem and high regard of all who share in his acquaintance.

JESSE I. BUZZARD. One of the prominent farming men of Lancaster township is Jesse I. Buzzard, proprietor of the Sugar Grove Farm, formerly known as the George Buzzard Farm, situated some four miles south of Huntington, Indiana, on the Lancaster gravel road. The place is one of about one hundred and six acres, and it was the birthplace of its present owner.

Jesse I. Buzzard was born here on January 24, 1859, and is a son of George and Amanda (Shamblin) Buzzard. The father was a son of John Buzzard, who came with his family to Wayne township, this county, on March 8, 1835, settling on the southeast quarter of section 12. He came from Ohio, his native state, and spent his remaining days in Huntington county. George Buzzard, his son, was reared in that township, was there married, and came to Lancaster township and settled on the farm his son now occupies remaining there to the end of his life. He was the father of a family of four sons and three daughters. The four sons are yet living. They are John S., of Huntington; George B., of Warren, Indiana; Charles H., also of Huntington, and Jesse I., of this review.

Jesse I. Buzzard was reared to manhood in this community, he here having his schooling in the district schools of the township, and when he reached man's estate he married Susan L. Beal, on December 11, 1880. She was born in Lancaster township, on March 28, 1864, and was educated in the common schools.

To Mr. and Mrs. Buzzard six children were born: Elizabeth is a graduate of the common schools and is the wife of J. A. Buzzard, of Huntington township; Earl married Bessie Case and lives in the city of Huntington; Homer A. married Ethel Havens, of Huntington township; Dorothea is still attending school; and Vernon and Herman are both deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Buzzard are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Greenwood, and politically Mr. Buzzard is a loyal Democrat, active in the work of the party in local circles. He was at one time candidate for the office of sheriff of Huntington county.

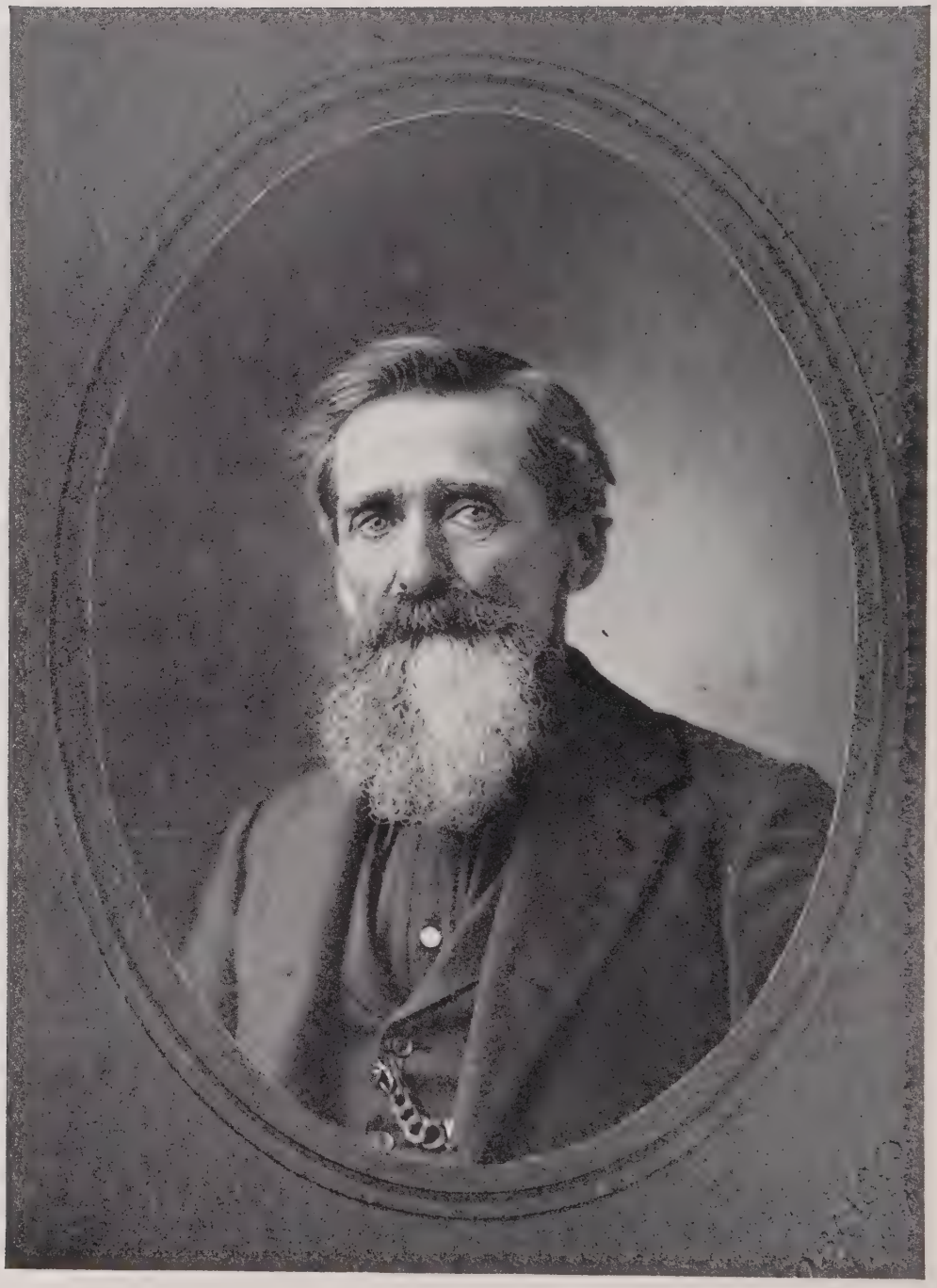
General farming occupies the attention of Mr. Buzzard and his hundred and six acres affords him ample scope for the exercise of his energies along the agricultural line. He is popular among his fellow men, and is known for an honest and honorable man wherever he goes, and with his family has a wide circle of stanch friends in the county that has been his lifelong home.

Laban Allred. Located eight and one half miles southwest of Huntington, on the Huntington and Marion gravel road, in Lancaster township, is located the Homestead Stock Farm, a tract of 450 acres of valuable land which is owned by Laban Allred. Mr. Allred is one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of his community, and is widely known as a stockman, the product of his farm being in constant demand in the markets of this and other states. He is a native of Huntington county, having been born on a farm in Wayne township, March 26, 1861, a son of Abner and Jane (Sparks) Allred.

Abner Allred was a native of North Carolina, where he was born in October, 1847, and was there reared and educated. When still little more than a lad, he decided to try his fortunes in the West, and accordingly made his way overland with a companion in a wagon and settled in Wayne township, Huntington county, Indiana. Here he secured employment by the month, and by hard and earnest labor, and frugal and economical living, he managed to accumulate enough capital to buy a small property. When he had established a home he was married, and continued to reside in Wayne township until 1863, when he traded his property there for Lancaster township land. From the latter he moved to Jackson township, and there his death occurred. He was a sturdy, hard-working agriculturist, winning material success through the force of his own energy, and securing the respect of his fellow-citizens by his honorable dealing and upright life. He and his wife were the parents of two children: Lunda, who became the wife of Joseph Randall; and Laban.

Laban Allred has resided on the farm which he now owns since his third year. Until reaching his majority he attended the district schools of this vicinity, and this training was supplemented by two terms in the Danville Normal school, where he took a partial commercial course. He then returned to his home and engaged in farming, and by the time he reached the age of twenty-two years he was the owner of eighty acres of land. Mr. Allred was married September 16, 1888, to Miss Ida J. Stouder, who was born in Rock Creek township, Huntington county, July 24, 1864, daughter of John and Mary (Lahr) Stouder, and when four years of age was taken by her parents to Polk township, where she grew to womanhood, receiving her education in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Allred have had six children: Stanley, a farmer; Willard, a farmer of Lancaster township, living with his parents; Edna, a graduate of the Lancaster township schools and now the wife of John Snider; Russell, a student in the Lancaster Center High school; and Mary and Merritt, students in the common schools.

After his marriage, Mr. Allred settled down to housekeeping on the family homestead in Lancaster township, which has since become known as the Homestead Stock Farm and enjoys a wide and favorable reputation because of the high grade of live stock for which it is noted. Mr. Allred buys and feeds cattle, usually purchasing by the carload, and through his extensive operations has become known as one of the leaders in his line of business in the township. In addition to the home



Jacob S. Klepser

farm of 450 acres, in Lancaster township, he has 130 acres in Jackson township, and all of this is in a high state of cultivation. He is a man of sound judgment in commercial affairs, of excellent executive ability, sagacity and enterprise, and as the result of his well directed efforts he has acquired a handsome property. He has completely remodeled his entire property, which is now equipped with every modern appliance, and is continuing to use modern methods in his work. Fraternally, he is connected with Mount Etna Lodge No. 304, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, past master and a member of the Grand Lodge, while Mrs. Allred is a member of Mount Olive Lodge No. 421, of the Rebekahs, past grand and a member of the Grand Lodge of the state. Politically, Mr. Allred is a republican, and as such was elected alderman of the county for two years. For four years he was also a trustee of Lancaster township, and during his incumbency of office numerous improvements were made, including the building of the handsome high school edifice at Lancaster Center.

Jacob S. Klepser. One of the esteemed citizens of Lancaster township and one who has added something of material value to the upbuilding and general progress of his community is Jacob S. Klepser. Mr. Klepser was born in Henry county, Indiana, on February 10, 1840, and all his life, with but little exception, has been passed within the state. He is a son of Andrew and Sarah (Swafford) Klepser, the father being of German birth and ancestry, who came to America with his parents as a boy and located with them in Pennsylvania, where so many native Germans have established homes and contributed generously to the development and growth of our country. As a boy, Andrew Klepser, with a brother, was bound out to the age of twenty years, that being a custom of the day, abandoned in these later years, and sometimes to the detriment of the youth of our land. For to be "bound out" meant that a boy who might not otherwise have the privilege of learning a regular trade, could by that means secure a thorough training in whatever line of industry he was committed to under his master. The Klepser boys learned the tailoring trade under their bond master, and when they were released, Andrew Klepser came to Ohio and engaged in his trade, later moving to Henry county, Indiana. There he met and married his wife, and it was in about 1852 when they came first to Huntington county. He worked for a time at his trade, and then decided to try his skill at farming. Land was cheap, and it seemed like an opportunity to him to become a landowner, so he secured an eighty acre tract in Lancaster township and settled down to farm life. He passed his remaining years in farming and died at Majenica when he had reached the patriarchal age of ninety-four years. He was the father of nine children, three of them living at this writing (1914). They are Jacob S., whose name introduces this review; Catherine, the widow of Abraham Heiney; and Samantha, who married Eli Burket.

Jacob S. Klepser was reared on the farm he now owns. He had a limited education in the common schools of his day, and up to the age

of twenty-one he continued at home. He married then, Mary A. Hoover becoming his wife, and the date of their marriage was February 25, 1860. She was born in Pennsylvania and was reared in Lancaster township, and she bore her husband nine children, two of them being alive at this time. One of them, Levi Klepser, was married to Rhoda Smith first and later to Laura Bailey, and they live on the old Klepser farm which is owned by the subject; the other is Anna, the wife of Isaac Ulrich. Mr. Klepser has ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren. His first wife died on September 12, 1900, and he later married Anna (Deardorff) Paul, on January 12, 1901. She was born in Wayne county, Indiana, on October 26, 1854, and came to Huntington county when she was a girl of thirteen years. She was married to Levi Paul, and was the mother of five children by that marriage,—William H. Paul, John I., Nancy E., Aurelius E. and George A. Paul. There are no children of her second marriage.

Mr. Klepser is the owner of a nice farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Section 26, this township, and he has long been reckoned among the successful and prosperous agricultural men of the township. He is a stockholder in the Majenica Telephone Company, and was one of the organizers of it. He is a stanch Republican, and has long manifested a wholesome interest and activity in the politics of the town and county, taking his place among the foremost men of the community as a leader in thought and action. He has, of late years, withdrawn to some extent from his earlier activities, and is enjoying the fruits of his early labors, as is proper and fitting that he should. He and his wife and family are members of the Church of the Brethren of Lancaster and have a worthy part in the good works of that denominational body in their district.

John W. Wyne. The Sunnyside Farm in Clear Creek township is a comfortable homestead and business property. It represents the concrete result in the career of John W. Wyne, who during his early years had to give his assistance to the support of others, and consequently started to establish his own prosperity only after his marriage, thirteen years ago. While not a man of wealth, Mr. Wyne is growing in substantial prosperity every year, and he and his wife enjoy the thorough respect of their neighborhood.

John W. Wyne was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, November 30, 1867, a son of William E. and Ellen J. (Jones) Wyne. Jefferson county was also the birthplace of the father, while the mother was born in Scott county, Indiana, and they were married in Jefferson county. For four years their home was in the state of Illinois, after which they returned to Indiana, and spent the rest of their years in Decatur county, Indiana. His father was a farmer, a quiet unassuming man, and an honorable citizen in all his relations with neighbors and the public welfare. Ten of the eleven children are still living, mentioned as follows: John W.; Samuel C., a farmer in Randolph county, Indiana; Joseph E., a farmer in Henry county of this state; Margaret S., wife

of Walter Coy of Greensburg, Indiana; Mamie D., wife of Jasper Dudgeon, of Rushville, Indiana; Mary M., wife of Charles Hineman, of Delaware county; Melvina, wife of George Swallow, of Blountsville, Henry county; Frankie C., wife of S. Hart, of Henry county; Harvey Preston, a farmer of Delaware county; Grover C., also a farmer in Delaware county.

The early life of John W. Wyne, until he was eighteen years of age was spent on a farm in Jefferson county, and in the meantime his training for life was both practical and theoretical, divided between work on the homestead and attendance in the district schools. At the age of eighteen, he moved with his parents to Decatur county, and lived at home for a number of years. When he was twenty-one his father died, and as the oldest son, it became necessary for him to take charge of affairs, and assist his mother in the rearing of the younger children; thus he lived at home until he was twenty-seven, and after that worked on farms at monthly wages until thirty-two years of age. On September 20, 1900, Mr. Wyne married Clara B. Logan, who was born in Rush county, Indiana, May 19, 1865, a daughter of Thomas Logan, and was educated in the common schools of her native locality. The first year and a half after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Wyne lived on the farm of her parents. Then for three and a half years they rented a farm, and in September, 1905, came to Clear Creek township, where they bought the seventy acres known as the Pownell Farm. Under their vigorous management they have brought this place into a high state of cultivation, have improved it in many ways, and it is now returning to them large dividends in the annual crops and products. Mr. and Mrs. Wyne are members of the Baptist church, having membership in a church in Rush county. In politics, Mr. Wyne is a Democrat, and a man whose support is always given to progressive movements and undertakings.

Fred Kapp. The progressive farm enterprise of the younger generation in Huntington county is well illustrated in the case of Fred Kapp of Clear Creek township. Mr. Kapp has a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. His chief profits are derived from his high grade live stock to which he feeds all the varied products from the fields of his estate. Mr. Kapp has more than a local reputation as a breeder of thoroughbred Holstein cattle, and of fine Duroc hogs. His herd of cattle are as good as can be found anywhere in the county, and Mr. Kapp gets some fancy prices for his best stock. He has made a thorough study of farming and live stock industry, and though still less than thirty years of age, has won a position among the ablest farmers in his community.

Fred Kapp was born in Huntington county, September 9, 1884, a son of George and Anna (Lenbaker) Kapp, both of whom were natives of Germany, and came to the United States to a home in Huntington county, where they are still living in Clear Creek township. There were four children, Fred, George, Lena, and Lottie. Of these George is a resident in Fort Wayne.

The old home farm in Rock Creek township was the scene of Fred Kapp's boyhood associations and memories, and his early education was acquired in the district schools and also in the Catholic school at Huntington. Until he was twenty-one years of age, his home was with his parents, and in the meantime he had profited by experience in all the work of the farm, so that he was well prepared for his career when it became necessary to do for himself. After one year spent at Huntington, in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company, he engaged in farming, and in the course of half a dozen years has made himself a substantial factor in the agricultural activities of Clear Creek township.

On November 21, 1906, Mr. Kapp married Louisa Lind, who was a daughter of Conrad Lind, a prominent farmer in Huntington county. Mrs. Kapp was educated in the common schools. To their marriage have been born two children, Anna, aged five years; and Johnnie, aged two years. The family worship in the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic church at Huntington. In politics, Mr. Kapp supports the democratic party, but has never been particularly interested in party affairs, though he is a public spirited citizen in every sense of the word and always ready to do his part in the advancement of his home community.

Joseph Leyman. As one of the representative agriculturists and honored and influential citizens of Clear Creek township Mr. Leyman is well entitled to specific recognition in this history of Huntington county, and especially in view of the fact that he has been a resident of northeastern Indiana from the time of his birth and is a scion of one of the well known and sterling pioneer families of this favored section of the Hoosier commonwealth. He has marked the passing years with earnest and well ordered endeavor, has achieved success of definite order and is the owner of one of the well improved farm properties of Clear Creek township.

Mr. Leyman was born in the adjoining county of Whitley, Indiana, on the 3d of October, 1857, and the place of his nativity was his father's farm in Washington township. He is a son of Adam and Lucinda (Haynes) Leyman, both of whom were born and reared in Ohio, the respective families having been founded in the old Buckeye state in the pioneer period of its history. In their native state the parents of the subject of this review were wedded and upon their removal to Indiana they established their home on a pioneer farm in Whitley county, where they continued to reside for many years and where the father reclaimed and developed a productive farm. In the latter years of his life Adam Leyman removed to Huntington county and located near the little village of Goblesville, but he eventually returned to Whitley county, where he continued to reside until his death, in 1904, his wife having been summoned to eternal rest at the time when they were residing in Huntington county. Both were well known in this section of the state and they ever commanded secure vantage ground in popular confidence and esteem. Of their nine children seven are living, the surviving sons

being William, Joseph and George; Mary, the wife of a Mr. Long, of Cadillac, Michigan; Sarah is the wife of Samuel Goble, a representative of the well known Goble family of Huntington county; Hannah is the wife of W. F. Brindley, of Los Angeles, California; and Sabina is the wife of Monroe Smith, of Whitley county, Indiana.

Joseph Leyman passed the period of his childhood and youth on the old homestead farm which was the place of his birth and he early began to aid in its work. He was accorded the advantages of the public schools of the locality, and his attendance was principally during the winter months, when his services were not demanded in connection with the operations of the home farm. He continued his school work until he was about eighteen years of age, and it is needless to say that the conditions and privileges that compassed him were such that he waxed strong in both mind and body, his being a wholesome discipline that well equipped him for the practical duties and responsibilities of life. He continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to his legal majority, and he then rented the homestead place, in the operation of which he has signally prospered, as he brought to bear indefatigable energy and also the powers acquired through practical experience in connection with the great basic industries of farming and stock-growing. Later he was employed two years in connection with the operation of a saw mill in his native county, and in the meanwhile he had the good judgment to conserve carefully his financial resources, both those derived from his independent farm operations and from his wages in the saw mill. With marked sagacity he finally invested his savings by purchasing a tract of eighty acres of land in Whitley county, and he improved this property, through the medium of which he conducted operations so successfully that he was enabled to clear himself of indebtedness. In 1886 he sold his farm in Whitley county, where he had continued to reside for the seven weeks after his marriage, and came to Huntington county. Here he rented, for two years, a farm in Jackson township, and at the expiration of this period he purchased his present fine landed estate, which comprises two hundred acres and which is in three separate farms, all in Clear Creek township. He has made the best of improvements on his property, is known as one of the most alert, enterprising and progressive agriculturists and stock-raisers of the county. Mr. Leyman gives special attention to the raising of high-grade live stock, and on his farm are to be found at all times many fine horses. He is a man of impregnable integrity, earnest, sincere and unassuming, and he has the unqualified respect and esteem of the community in which he lives and in which he is known as a substantial and public-spirited citizen. Mr. Leyman has had no ambition for the honors or emoluments of public office, but he is found arrayed as a stanch supporter of the cause of the democratic party, so that the results of the national election of 1912 proved to him most gratifying. He holds membership in the United Brethren church at Goblesville and his wife is a member of the Dunkard church, in the faith of which she was reared.

In the year 1884 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Leyman to Miss Elizabeth E. Buckwalter, who was born and reared in Clear Creek township, this county, and who is a member of one of the old and honored families of this section of the state. Concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Leyman the following pertinent data are given: Walter L. is married and is numbered among the prosperous farmers of Clear Creek township; Bessie M. is the wife of Elmer Snyder, of Whitley county; Robert E. is associated in the work of the home farm; Elsie M. is the wife of Jesse Lahr, of Clear Creek township; Albert L. is attending the district school near the parental home; and Lawrence, the youngest of the children, is seven years of age at the time of this writing, in 1914. Mr. Leyman has given his children excellent educational advantages, and Robert E. is a student at the Indiana Central College, Indianapolis.

Jacob Earl McCaughey. On a finely improved estate of eighty acres in Clear Creek township, Jacob E. McCaughey is most successfully engaged in diversified agriculture and the raising of high-grade stock. He has resided in Clear Creek township during the entire period of his life, and here he commands the confidence and esteem of all who have known him from earliest youth. His homestead is the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 23, and it is located four miles north of Huntington. All the improvements and cultivation of the farm indicates the progressive farmer, and Mr. McCaughey has gained a reputation in that community as a stock raiser. His specialty is his thoroughbred Duroc hogs, and all his other live stock on the place is of high grade. Mr. McCaughey believes that the secret of success in farming lies in having the best of everything in stock and equipment, and is a young man whose experience has already advanced him to a position of success, and whose future is one of exceptional promise.

Jacob E. McCaughey was born in Clear Creek township December 15, 1879, a son of Charles H. and Elizabeth (Mishler) McCaughey, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The McCaughey family has been identified with Huntington county since pioneer times. The paternal grandparents, Samuel and Elizabeth A. (Hunt) McCaughey, came to this county when their son Charles was four years of age and spent the rest of their years here, their death occurring in the city of Huntington. Charles H. McCaughey was reared in Clear Creek township, and in addition to a common school education was a student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. By his marriage he was the father of four sons: Howard, a graduate of the Clear Creek high school and now a resident of Denver, Colorado, and married Agnes Collins; Robert C., a graduate of the Huntington high school, and of the Huntington Business University, is clerk and bookkeeper in the Master Mechanic's office of the Erie Railroad Company; Jacob E. is next in line; and Lloyd S., the youngest, graduated from the common schools, and also the Huntington Business University.

The early life of Jacob E. McCaughey was spent on the old farm in Clear Creek township, and since leaving the common schools has given

all his time and energy to farming. On May 1, 1901, Mr. McCaughey married Ida F. Flaugher, a daughter of Emery Flaugher. Mrs. McCaughey is also a graduate of the common schools. Three children were born to their union, as follows: Paul, born December 23, 1902; Mildred, born August 12, 1903; Dorothy, born August 23, 1908. The two oldest children are now in school. Mrs. McCaughey is a member of the Goblesville United Brethren Church. His fraternal affiliations are with Huntington Lodge No. 93, Knights of Pythias, and in politics he supports the Democratic party.

James C. Bieber. Farming with all its branches has been considered a good line of business since the beginning of the world, and still offers a splendid field for the man of energy, perseverance and ability. In this class stands James C. Bieber, of Clear Creek township. Mr. Bieber was for a number of years connected with railroad service, and a few years ago moved to his present farm, and has employed his energies and experience with good results, being now one of the highly respected citizens of his community, and a farmer who makes the business pay.

James C. Bieber was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, May 13, 1871, a son of Milton and Martha (Stanley) Bieber. His father was born at Allentown, Pennsylvania, in March, 1843, and the mother was born in New York State in 1846. She was a daughter of Chauncey Stanley, who brought his family to Fort Wayne, Indiana, during the early days, their journey being made by way of the Wabash and Erie Canal. His home was in Fort Wayne until his death. Milton Bieber was living in the state of Pennsylvania, during the war, and enlisted from that state in the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Pennsylvania Regiment, seeing three months of active service, and after the war he was employed by the United States government as a bridge carpenter. Somewhat later he moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where for many years he was engaged in the carriage building. After coming to Fort Wayne, Milton Bieber was married and about 1882 moved to Huntington county, locating on the Taylor farm, south of the city. There his enterprise was directed to dairying for about eight years, after which the business was continued on the J. G. Amiss farm until his removal to Clear Creek township, where he had his home until 1911, and since then has lived retired in the city of Huntington. There were three sons in the family: J. C. Bieber; H. S. Bieber, now foreman of the shoe factory at Huntington, and Hugh E., who is also an employe in the shoe factory.

Mr. J. C. Bieber spent the first eleven years of his life in his native city of Fort Wayne. During that time his education was begun in the old Washington Street school, and was supplemented by attendance at the public schools of Huntington, after the family came to that city. On being ready to start out for himself Mr. Bieber became a conductor on the electric railway in Fort Wayne. In 1893 he entered the service of the Erie Railroad. In 1902 came his advancement to the position of engineer, and he drove an engine on that road up to 1905. In the

latter year came his election to the office of city clerk of Huntington, and for four years he held that position and discharged his duties with efficiency and credit. On retiring from the office of city clerk Mr. Bieber moved out to the farm in Clear Creek township, where he has prospered and has been pleasantly situated ever since.

In June, 1907, Mr. Beiber married Ethel Myres, of Gardner, Kansas. They are the parents of two daughters: Isabelle A., aged five years and Catherine V., aged four years. Fraternally Mr. Bieber is affiliated with Amathy Lodge No. 483, A. F. & A. M., Huntington Chapter No. 27, R. A. M.; and Huntington Council No. 51 R. & S. M. He also is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and his politics is republican.

Robert T. Brown. One of the fine country homes of Huntington county which for years has given a distinctive character of prosperity and well ordered enterprise to the country life of this section is the Brown homestead in Section 7 of Clear Creek township. It has for seventy years been known as the Brown farm, and throughout this time no name has been associated more closely with the agricultural and stock raising activities of Clear Creek than that of Brown. The family was established in this county about the beginning of the decade of the forties, and its members have always borne reputations for industry as well as for a high probity of character and intelligent and public spirited citizenship.

Robert T. Brown, who with his brother is now joint proprietor of the old Brown farm was born on the place where he now lives, September 27, 1848. His parents were James and Ann (Taylor) Brown. His father was a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, while the mother was a native of Derbyshire, England, coming to America when twenty-one years of age. After their marriage the parents lived in Albany, New York, and about 1841 or 1842 came to Indiana, locating on the farm in Clear Creek township which continued to be their home until death called them from their mortal duties. The father was for several years a justice of the peace, and a man honored for his character and abilities. There were seven children altogether, including: William H., John T., Sarah (wife of Steve Dunton) and Robert.

Robert T. Brown was reared on the old homestead, and was given an education much superior to that accorded to the average country boy of his time. After attending the district schools he was a student in the South Whitley Seminary, and in the Methodist school at Alliance, Ohio. His career started as a teacher, and he was master of schools in Huntington county, taught three terms in Ohio, three terms in Iowa, and three in Kansas. Finally giving up the work of the schoolroom he settled down to farming, and since his father's death he and his brother John bought the old homestead and now operate it together. The farm contains about four hundred acres.

Mr. Brown in politics is a republican, though he has never been a politician in any sense, and has confined his political efforts to casting

his ballot regularly in the Republican interests as a rule, since he became of age. He and his brother have a very profitable enterprise in their farm, and raise and feed a large number of stock.

ELI BEGHTEL. Five miles north of Huntington on the Columbia City road is the "Haw Lane Farm." That is the home of Eli Beghtel and family. The Beghtels have been identified with Huntington county since pioneer times, and the present proprietor of Haw Lane Farm was born on the estate which he now occupies. For forty years he has been closely identified with the agricultural and civic and religious interests of his township, and he stands as one of the representative citizens of Clear Creek township.

Eli Beghtel was born March 1, 1853. His parents were Daniel and Mary A. (Cox) Beghtel, the former a native of Stark county, Ohio, and the state of Pennsylvania. Their marriage was celebrated in Stark county, and from there they moved to Allen county, Indiana, and in 1846 located on the farm where their son Eli was born. That farm was the home of the father throughout the rest of his life, and besides his labors in clearing and cultivating that place, he was known for his high character and worthy citizenship in other ways. The ground on which the United Brethren church in that neighborhood was built was donated by Daniel Beghtel and he was long an active factor in church affairs. His politics was republican. There were ten children, and six are yet living, as follows: Catherine, widow of John Sickafoose; Isaiah of Goblesville, Indiana; Joseph, who for twenty-four years was a minister in the United Brethren church and is now retired; Lydia, wife of James Lemon, of Columbia City; William, a farmer in Clear Creek township.

Eli Beghtel was reared on his present farm, and his birth occurred in the old log cabin, which was for several years the shelter of the family in this county. His attendance at the district schools was supplemented by two terms in the Roanoke Classical Seminary, and among his early independent efforts in the world of affairs was an experience as teacher for one term. He next applied himself to the carpenter's trade and followed it for several years. On December 10, 1876, Mr. Beghtel married Miss Sarah Wagner, who was born in Lancaster township of Huntington county, January, 1855. Her parents were Joseph and Margaret (Hildebrand) Wagner, and her father was an honored old resident of the county and for two terms served as commissioner. Mr. and Mrs. Beghtel have four children, Marjorie G., a graduate of the Clear Creek high school, for three years a teacher, and now the wife of Frank Dolby, who is assistant cashier of the Huntington Trust Company; Glenne Opal, a graduate of the Clear Creek high school, made a record in orotorical contest and won several gold medals, and she is now the wife of Fred Mahoney; Elden F., is a graduate of the Clear Creek high school and taught for three years, in the country schools, and is now one of the teachers in the college at University Heights, in Indianapolis, and married Flossie Marchant, of Whitley county, both having been students in the Indiana Central University; Robin R. is a graduate of the common schools and is living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Beghtel are members of the United Brethren church, and he has long been active in the society, and is a member of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Beghtel has long been an ardent supporter of the prohibition cause, and is one of the leading workers for that party in Huntington county. He has been a candidate on the prohibition ticket in county politics, and has served as a delegate both to state and national conventions. Mr. Beghtel's farm comprises one hundred acres, and having made farming his regular vocation for the past forty years, is regarded as one of the most successful managers of land and its resources, in Huntington county.

James A. Thorne. A lifelong resident of Huntington county, Mr. Thorne has followed in the quiet walks of agriculture, and is proprietor of the beautiful Woodlawn farm in Jackson township. While it has never been his ambition to make a conspicuous name in affairs, he has conscientiously and faithfully discharged the responsibilities which fall on every man, has looked after the welfare of his own household, has been active in church and community, and is a citizen entitled to and receiving the highest esteem.

James A. Thorne was born in Huntington township, November 27, 1865, a son of Henry and Sarah (Landis) Thorne. His father was born in Wayne county, and his mother in Darke county, Ohio, both came to Indiana when children, and they were married in Huntington county. The father was about seventeen years old when he came to this state. They are still living, and residents of the city of Huntington. Of their household of ten children, one died in infancy, and James is the oldest of those living, the others being mentioned as follows: Ephraim A., a farmer in Jackson township; Mary E., wife of Jacob A. Layman, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Ida E., wife of George Barrett, of Fort Wayne; Edward A., of Huntington; Cora E., wife of Charles A. Payne of Union township; Minnie E., wife of Charles Anderson of Huntington; Henry A., of Union township; Lilly E., wife of Francis Class of Huntington township.

Mr. James A. Thorne spent the first fifteen years of his life on a farm in Huntington township, and during that time was more or less regular in his attendance at the country schools. From Huntington township, the family moved to Jackson township, and since then all his citizenship and business activities have been centered in this locality. On March 23, 1893, Mr. Thorne married Miss Melissa Layman. Mrs. Thorne was born in Jackson township, a daughter of John Layman, an old and respected resident of the county, and her school advantages were similar to those enjoyed by her husband. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Thorne bought the farm on which they now live, known as Woodlawn farm, containing forty-nine highly cultivated acres. Mr. Thorne farms as he does everything else in life, with a quiet efficiency which gets result, and while not one of the richest citizens nor among the largest land owners has a comfortable prosperity which almost entirely represents the efforts and good management of himself and

wife. Their years of economy and thrift are now being well repaid, and as one evidence of this they built in 1912 a modern brick residence, which is one of the best farm homes in Jackson township, and has all the modern facilities of heating, running water, and conveniences and comforts both upstairs and down.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorne are active members and workers in the Zion United Brethren church of Jackson township. He has long been interested in this religious society, has served as superintendent of the Sunday school, and as a trustee of the church. As to politics he affiliates with the prohibition cause, but outside of allowing his name to go on the party ticket, as candidate for county commissioner, he has participated very little in practical politics.

WILLIAM THORN. The residence of William Thorn in Huntington county during a period of fifty-five years has been characterized by steady industry, quiet but public spirited citizenship, and has been accompanied by many of the rewards which are paid to the Indiana farmer. Mr. Thorn is proprietor of the "Hilly Pasture Dairy Farm" five miles northeast of Huntington in Jackson township. This farm is a beautiful as well as a productive estate and is located alongside the Fort Wayne and Huntington Gravel Road. It represents the efforts of Mr. Thorn as the farmer and business man, and there are few better or more valuable places of its size anywhere in the county.

William Thorn was born in Wayne county, Ohio, June 25, 1840, a son of Jacob and Mary (Coy) Thorn. The parents were both natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, but their respective families moved out to Wayne county, Ohio, and located on land in the same neighborhood. Thus Jacob and Mary Thorn grew up together, and their childhood acquaintance ripened into matrimony. They spent all their lives in Wayne county, Ohio, and were substantial farming people.

The first eighteen years of his life, William Thorn lived in Wayne county, Ohio, with his parents, and in the meantime was given practical, though hardly a liberal education. In the fall of 1858 he came to Jackson township of Huntington county, and for several years, found employment as a farm hand among his friends and neighbors. In the fall of 1862 occurred his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Flack. For a few years after their marriage, he made a living and gained much experience and also acquired a little capital by renting land. Finally he and his wife had accumulated enough to invest in twenty acres, and he finally traded that for his present homestead of eighty acres. In every undertaking he has been progressive, and has proved himself one of the most capable farmers and dairymen in his section of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorn have four sons: Rev. Charles Thorn is a local minister of the United Brethren church and is now a farmer in Clear Creek township; Frank Thorn died when twenty-nine years of age, a young man of great promise, who had prepared for a career and was a graduate of Purdue University; A. M. Thorn is a farmer near Auburn, Indiana, and married Mary Newell; Ora Thorn married Nettie Dawson,

and lives in Canada. The mother of these sons died December 5, 1904. On November 28, 1906, Mr. Thorn married Rebecca J. Howey, who was born in Jackson township of DeKalb county, Indiana, April 24, 1853, a daughter of Peter Kester. The Kester family was likewise from Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, but Mrs. Thorn was reared in DeKalb county, Indiana, and was educated in that locality. Her first husband was John Howey, and by that marriage were born four children as follows: Daisy M., wife of Aurelius Thorn; Corma, who married Blanche Powell; Josephine, unmarried, and Flossie, who married Frank Rice. The family are members of the United Brethren church at Zion, and Mr. Thorn is one of the trustees of the organization. In politics he is a prohibitionist, and does what he can to advance the cause of that party in the community and the nation.

Theodore P. Johnson. Some men seem destined by nature to succeed; no matter what obstacles appear in their path they are able to overcome them, if for no other reason than that of a persistent determination. Many of the best citizens of Huntington county were handicapped in their earlier years, and their success has been acquired after many battles with hardship and they have well merited their success in the world. A citizen of this type is Mr. Theo. P. Johnson, of Jackson township, the proprietor of the Green Valley Stock Farm. Mr. Johnson has lived in Huntington county, a comparatively short time, but is an old resident of the state, and since moving to Huntington has closely identified himself with the industrial and civic affairs of this community. The Green Valley Stock Farm comprises one hundred and thirty acres in sections 29 and 32 and is located six miles northeast of Huntington. Besides his main farm, Mr. Johnson also owns one hundred and sixty acres in section 20 of the same township. All this land and its improvements represent a very substantial degree of prosperity, and it has all been won since Mr. Johnson started out a young man with practically no fortune or influential friends behind him.

Theo. P. Johnson was born in Benton county, Indiana, September 24, 1862, a son of Samuel B. and Sarah (Reed) Johnson. Both parents were born in Ohio, came to Indiana about 1835, and were pioneers in Fountain county, where the father continued his trade as a cooper, until 1859. He then moved onto a large tract of land in Benton county, and spent ten years in clearing and developing that estate. After that he had a farm of his own, and made it his home until 1895, when he moved to Remington in Jasper county, and had his home there until his death. His wife had already passed away. There were nine children and the four living at the present time are: Orlando E. Johnson, of Union township; Mary M., wife of N. M. Gehris of Warren county, Indiana; Robert P. Johnson, of Jackson township; and Theo. P.

Mr. Theo. P. Johnson was educated in the common schools of Warren and Benton county, but it was only in the winter season that he attended school at all regularly, and the open months of the year were spent in performing the duties of the home farm. At the age of sixteen he began

Andrew Paul.

working for himself, and at the time he was twenty-one his chief capital was represented by a horse and a buggy. At the age of eighteen he had felt the necessity of a better education, and then continued work during the summer but went to school in winter until he was twenty. His independent career began when he rented a farm of forty acres. He proved his ability to take care of land on his own account, and after the first venture rented eighty acres and then one hundred and twenty acres, and finally was given charge of three hundred and twenty acres owned by Ex-Senator Goodwin in Warren county. In the management of that place he displayed peculiar success, and laid the basis for his permanent prosperity while there. In 1898 Mr. Johnson made his first purchase of land, comprising eighty acres in Benton county. The purchase price was $4,400, and he paid $1,000 down on that property. In 1900 he organized a rural telephone system, which was the first introduction of the telephone into the country districts in that section, and he pushed the enterprise with a great deal of vigor, and it proved a very profitable undertaking and made him a good deal of money. Mr. Johnson operated that telephone line for twelve years and finally sold out and moved to Huntington county in 1911.

Very early in his career Mr. Johnson took an important step toward independence by his marriage to Angeline Kochel of Warren county. To their marriage have been born six children: Daisy, wife of A. W. Timmons of Benton county; Edgar M., who graduated from the Purdue University with the class of 1907 and is now a druggist in Fowler, Indiana; Loda, wife of James Hughes of Jackson township; Lida, a graduate of the common schools and living at home; Ashley, who is sixteen years of age; and Artie, still in the district schools.

The family have membership in the Central Christian church. In politics Mr. Johnson is a republican, but has given little attention to party politics. As a farmer he is a breeder of thoroughbred Duroc hogs and fine shorthorn cattle. During his residence in Warren county he was elected as a republican to the office of assessor of Prairie township, and served two terms. Later he was elected township trustee of the same township and filled that office four years. As a young man Mr. Johnson worked in the fields of ex-Governor J. Frank Hanley, and in 1907, when Mr. Hanley was Governor of Indiana, he appointed Mr. Johnson one of the trustees of the Indiana Boys School at Plainfield. Mr. Johnson gave one term of service in that position.

Andrew Paul. Huntington county is especially rich in the type of farming men she has attracted and held to herself in the past half century, in many instances her sons having followed in the steps of their fathers and taken up their residence on the places where they were born, there to carry on to completion the splendid work begun by the previous generation. It is to such men as these that this county is most deeply indebted, for they have at all times the best interests of their community at heart, and strive to develop their town along the most approved lines in progressive agriculture. One of these men is Andrew Paul, who was born

on the farm on which he now lives, on October 31, 1864. His fine farm in Lancaster township is located five miles distant from Huntington on the Salamonie pike, and it reflects in its present day aspect the energy of its original owner, together with the aggressiveness and progressiveness of its present owner and occupant.

Andrew Paul is the son of Henry and Nancy (Snowberger) Paul, natives of the Keystone state, who married in that state and came through to Indiana with a four horse wagon that contained all their worldly goods. They struck the state which was to represent their future home in June, 1850, and after some little prospecting about the head of the house chose the place that has since been the family seat in Lancaster township. Here the father built a small one room cabin, and this was the shelter of the little household while he began to get the place in shape for a small crop, and until he was able to build a more suitable one some time later. The home that he built to take the place of that early cabin home is still standing, in excellent condition, and is the home of the subject today.

The father died on February 1, 1901, the mother following him on July 26, 1904. Ten children blessed their home, and of that number Andrew Paul is the youngest living child. The eldest and youngest born are both deceased.

Andrew Paul was reared on this farm and when he was of suitable school age he attended the local schools. He first attended what was known as the Paul School, in Lancaster township, located on the corner of the old farm, and so called by reason of its location. He was only a student in the winter months, however, for from his earliest boyhood his services were required in the home place, even in those unusual seasons when the school term held over to summer. From the home farm young Paul went to work for other farmers of the community, and in time he felt able to make a land purchase on his own responsibility. The result was that he and one of his brothers bought one hundred and sixty acres in Rock Creek township, and in 1904 he sold his interest to his brother. When the father passed away in 1904. Mr. Paul assumed charge of the home place and he still is the proprietor of the old home farm, of which he owns eighty acres.

Mr. Paul has demonstrated his native talent as a farming man in no uncertain terms, and in addition to general farming he carries on a stock breeding business that is doing much to elevate the standard of stock among the farming men of the township.

A life long Republican, Mr. Paul is one of the active men in political work in the town, as well as in the county, and has been a delegate to republican county conventions on various occasions. His citizenship is of high order, and has gained him a position of some importance among his fellow men, who recognize in him the qualities that make for the inevitable betterment of social and industrial conditions in the community where he is active. He is actively interested in the Majenica Telephone Company as a stockholder, and is associated with other enterprises of a public utility nature. Mr. Paul is unmarried.

JACOB W. JOHN. During his administration as treasurer of Huntington county Jacob W. John became known to practically every citizen of the county. Mr. John has been one of the sterling farmers, business men and citizens of this county since his boyhood, and his family and personal record is one of much interest.

Jacob W. John was born in Wayne county, Indiana, December 18, 1843, a son of David M. and Susanna (Overholster) John. So far as can be ascertained the family originated in Wales. The first of the name to emigrate to America was Nicholas John who came to this country about the year 1648, and settled in Pennsylvania, in York county. He had at least one son, whose name was Thomas, who was born in Pennsylvania, about 1683. He grew to manhood and was married in that state, and in his family were four sons, and perhaps others. His death occurred about the year 1758, when about seventy-five years of age. This Thomas John had four sons as already stated, named, William, Griffith, John and Eleazer. John John was born in the state of Pennsylvania in 1753, and lived there until he was sixty-five years of age, when he moved to the state of Virginia. He was twice married, and altogether had eleven children. His death occurred in 1825, at the age of seventy-two. The name of his sons by his first wife were: John, Thomas, David and William. Those by the second wife were: James, Griffith, and Eleazer.

David A. John, third son of John John, and grandfather of the Huntington county citizen first named, was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, March 29, 1788. Harrisburg, now a thriving city, and the capital of the state, at that time had but one dry goods store, kept in a hewed log cabin. David A. John grew to manhood in Pennsylvania, and learned the wagon and carriage making trade. In 1811, at the age of twenty-three he was united in marriage with Mary Mishler, who at that time was eighteen years old. Soon after their marriage they moved out to Stark county, Ohio, and then to Tuscarawas county, in the same state, where David John entered one hundred and sixty acres of land. Soon afterwards he volunteered his services in defense of his country in the war of 1812. He went out with the troops under General Bell, and returned with the rank of lieutenant. He continued to farm for a number of years in Tuscawaras county, and in 1829, moved to the western side of the state, in Montgomery county. From there he moved in 1837 to Wayne county, Indiana, locating near Hagerstown. In 1855, he reached Huntington county, and in 1866 moved to Wabash county this state, where he died in 1867 at the age of eighty-nine. His wife died in 1843 at the age of fifty-one years, eleven months and one day.

David M. John, father of Jacob W., was born in Ohio, October 20, 1821. He lived there until manhood, and then married Susanna Overholster. In 1853 David M. John located near Roanoke on a farm in Huntington county. He improved his land and continued to live there as one of the prosperous citizens until his death on March 26, 1861. His widow in 1866 married Stephen C. Ulrey of Kosciusko county, Indiana. David M. John and wife had eight children. Of these Lewis, Catherine and David died in infancy, and the others are still living as follows: Oliver,

of Roanoke; Jacob W.; Sarah J., who married and had several children; Thomas J., a prosperous farmer in Wabash county; Calvin N., a farmer in Kosciusko county.

Jacob W. John was nine years old when the family moved to Huntington county, and he completed his education in the common schools of Jackson township. About the time he reached manhood the war for the preservation of the Union had been in progress for a year or more, and on March 1, 1864, he went out as a soldier in Company E of the Forty-Seventh Indiana Regiment. His career as a soldier continued until the close of the war. Twice before he was accepted as a soldier he had offered his services, but was rejected. Mr. John now has membership with his old comrades in William McGinnis Post No. 167, of the G. A. R., and has served as its commander and is now its adjutant.

On April 29, 1866, Mr. John married Amanda Zent of Jackson township. She was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, and was eight years old when her parents brought her to Huntington county, where she grew to womanhood. She became the mother of four children, three of whom are now living: William H., who is foreman of the railroad round house at Terre Haute; Frank H., who is a stenographer and bookkeeper at Safford, Arizona; Cora M., who died at the age of twenty years, on June 20, 1892; and Ariadne, wife of Ora Geedy of Huntington. The mother of these children died August 25, 1893. Mr. John married the second time Miss Eva Bell. Mrs. John is a refined and cultured woman and has presided over his home with much efficiency.

Mr. John is one of the stockholders in the Roanoke State Bank. During his long residence in Huntington county he has acquired many important interests and his position as a business man and citizen has always been above question. The confidence reposed in him was well indicated by his election some years ago as treasurer of Huntington county, and he filled that office two terms. He served in the capacity of justice of the peace from 1884 to 1888, and since leaving the office of treasurer has again filled the same office. In politics Mr. John is a stanch republican. He and his family worship in the United Brethren church, at Roanoke, he being president of the board of trustees. He is vice grand of the Little River Lodge, No. 273, I. O. O. F., and has also passed the various chairs in the Tribe of Ben Hur.

Samuel M. Haley. Mr. Haley is a Huntington farmer resident of forty-five years' standing. Any community is fortunate in the possession of such estimable members of society as Samuel M. Haley. It is in farming that he has won his greatest success as a business man, but has always at the same time enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his civic community, and is a man whose services and character have not been without value to the social welfare. While he has never attained great wealth, Mr. Haley has prospered in a quiet fashion, has provided a good home for himself and his children, and has upheld those responsibilities of citizenship which fall on every independent and right thinking man. He is the proprietor of what is known as the Fast Homestead, located two miles north and one mile west of Roanoke.

Samuel M. Haley was born in Holmes county, Ohio, April 5, 1840, a son of James and Catherine (Matthews) Haley. The mother was a native of Pennsylvania, and the father of Holmes county, Ohio. In 1856 the parents came to Indiana and settled in Deer Creek township near Huntington county, where they remained until death came to them at a good old age. In their household were fourteen children; nine of whom by two marriages are living at the present writing, mentioned as follows: S. M. Haley; Richard; Lauretta, wife of Frederick Upham; Leonard, who lives in Canada; Elmira, wife of Silas Jackson; James, of Wayne county, Ohio; Edward, deputy sheriff of Huntington county; Clement, who lives in South Dakota; Katherine, wife of Sam Christian of Fort Wayne.

Samuel M. Haley was twenty-seven years old when he came with the rest of the family to Huntington county. In the meantime back in Ohio he had acquired the substantial rudiments of an education, and had been well trained in the arts of farming and had demonstrated his ability to win his way without any help beyond his own resources. After a few years of work and industry in Huntington county, he was married in March, 1874, to Miss Cordelia Fast. She was born in Jackson township, a daughter of Francis J. and Catherine Fast. The Fast family has long been well known in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Haley are the parents of four children, as follows: Royal, who is a graduate of the Roanoke high school, and married Dessie Purviance, and their home is at Auburn, Indiana; Rilla, a graduate of the Roanoke high school, and the wife of Harry Wasmuth of Andrews, Indiana; Bethel, who is a high school graduate, is bookkeeper for the Electric Light Company at Fort Wayne; Don, who married Fern Feightner, is a clerk for the A. Wasmuth & Sons Company at Roanoke.

Mr. Haley is affiliated with Little River Lodge No. 275, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Roanoke. In politics he gives his support to the Democratic party, but has never sought nor held any political office.

Edward F. Haines. The farming and business community of Jackson township has one of its strongest and ablest men of affairs in Edward F. Haines, who is proprietor of the Beaver Dam farm in that township. Mr. Haines has had much success as a stock raiser and general farmer, and at the same time has interested himself in several of the concerns which are central points in the business activity of his locality.

Edward F. Haines was born in Jackson township on a farm, December 11, 1868. His parents were Abraham and Malinda (Longsdorf) Haines. Both parents came from Ohio, and were still young when their respective parents moved into Jackson township of Huntington county, where they grew up and were married. They lived in Huntington county until 1896, when they moved to Elkhart, where the father died and the mother still lives. There were six children, four of whom are yet living as follows: Edward F.; William; Clarence; Minnie, the wife of Mr. Baker of Elkhart.

It was on the old farm in Jackson township that Edward F. Haines was reared, and his schooling was supplied by the local schools, and subsequently a course in the Classical Seminary at Roanoke. Farming has been his vocation since the close of school days, and he has been well prospered in that vocation. He lived at home until his marriage in August, 1891, to Laura A. Christian. Mrs. Haines is a daughter of Samuel Christian, who came from Montgomery, Ohio, and was one of the pioneers and best known citizens of Huntington county. Mrs. Haines was born on the farm where she and her husband now reside. Her education was supplied by the district schools. Mr. and Mrs. Haines have four children: Roy, a graduate of the Roanoke high school; Clark, a student in the Roanoke high school; and Gladys and Mamie. The family worship in the United Brethren church at Mount Pleasant, and fraternally Mr. Haines is affiliated with the Huntington Lodge No. 93, of the Knights of Pythias. As an active Democrat he consented to allow his name to go on the ticket of the party for the office of county treasurer.

The Beaver Dam farm is one of the best country estates in Huntington county. It comprises one hundred and twenty acres of land, situated three miles west of Roanoke on the Roanoke and Christian Gravel Roads. Mr. Haines gives much of his attention to the raising of thoroughbred stock, and has some excellent specimens of cattle and hogs on his farm. Beyond his immediate farm, his interest extends to the holding of stock in the State Bank of Roanoke, and he is also a stock holder and for some time was manager of the Roanoke Creamery Company.

Henry Dinius. It is doubtful if any other name has been identified with the ownership of more land in Huntington county than that of Dinius. Henry Dinius has passed the venerable age of eighty years, and for almost a lifetime has been a resident of Huntington county. He himself has been one of the large owners of country real estate in this county, and now lives in comfort and plenty on a good farm in Jackson township.

Henry Dinius was born in Stark county, Ohio, April 14, 1833, a son of John Dinius, who in turn was a son of Peter Dinius, who was born in November, 1765, in Germany, and came to the United States, finding a home in Pennsylvania, where he married a Miss Pretz. He lived in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, until the spring of 1812, when he emigrated to Stark county, Ohio, which was his home until his death. He was the father of John, George, Peter, Samuel, Henry, Rebecca, Barbara. John Dinius grew up in Stark county, Ohio, and when eighteen years of age married Rebecca Koch. After that they continued to live in Stark county, until the spring of 1848. In the meantime in the spring of 1846, John Dinius had made his first trip to Huntington county, Indiana, where he purchased a tract of new land, and in 1847 again came to this county and extended his ownership of Huntington county soil. In the spring of 1848 he brought his family to the county, and located on a farm including the land upon which his son, Henry, now lives. Altogether, John Dinius acquired the ownership of fourteen hundred and forty acres in this county, and was one of the most extensive and substan-

tial men of his day. Of the twelve children born to him and his wife, Henry Dinius is the only one surviving in 1913.

Henry Dinius was fifteen years of age when the family located permanently in Huntington county, and conditions of his youth were such that his opportunities for schooling were very limited. It was by study at home that he gained most of his early knowledge, and by experience and observation, he has gained the equivalent of a practical education, and has seldom been at a disadvantage in his competition with his fellow men.

On December 16, 1858, Mr. Henry Dinius married Barbara Long, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, July 29, 1834, and is the only one of twelve children living, whose parents were Henry and Elizabeth (France) Long. She was reared and educated in Ohio, and came with her father to Huntington county, in the spring of 1855. Three years later she married Mr. Dinius. To their marriage were born six children, and five are now living, as follows: Edwin S., deceased; Ereminda, wife of John Hartman; Clara, wife of Clinton Mayne, living in Cleveland, Ohio; Lydia, who graduated from the State University of Indiana, and is now superintendent in the normal school at Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Sumner, a resident of Jackson township, married for his first wife Miss Eversole, and for his second Mary Rupley; Boyd S., who was first a teacher and now resides on the home farm with his father, and is married to Eva Smith. There are fourteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and altogether the family life of Mr. Dinius has been a most happy one, and at the age of fourscore he is surrounded with his descendants, who pay him all the veneration due to age and long and worthy years.

Mr. Dinius has been a member of the United Brethren church since 1857, and when he was stronger, he gave much attention to church affairs, having always been a liberal supporter of his denomination. He was old enough to vote when the Republican party came into existence, and has been a life long supporter of that political division. His standing as a citizen and as a business man has always been such that his fellow citizens have never failed to endorse his candidacy, and he served as county commissioner of Huntington county for six years. At the first election, his majority was twenty-five in the district, and at the second election, he had sixty-nine votes to spare. Mr. Dinius has owned three hundred and twenty acres of land in Huntington county, but at the present time his farm contains only ninety-seven and three-quarters acres.

Hubert C. Chenneour. There are in every community men of great force of character, who by reason of their capacity for leadership become recognized as foremost citizens and bear a most important part in public affairs. Though one of the younger citizens of Huntington county, Hubert C. Chenneour is prominently identified with the locality of Roanoke, where he is engaged in several local enterprises, and is an ex-clerk and treasurer of the village. Outside of his private affairs, he has found time to champion every movement for the public good, and has done as much, if not more, than any other individual to boost development and general improvement along all lines at Roanoke.

Hubert C. Chenneour was born at Torquay, England, February 16, 1881, a son of William M. and Mary A. (Gullett) Chenneour. The family migrated to the United States, landing in New York City on June 30, 1883. The father lived in New York one year, and while there took out his first naturalization papers. From there he moved to Norwich, Connecticut, two years later went to St. Louis, and after half a year there lived in Indianapolis three years and in Chicago six years. The father died in Chicago, and his widow and other members of the family came to Huntington county in 1897. The mother now resides in Roanoke.

Hubert C. Chenneour received his education in the public schools of Indianapolis and Chicago, and spent one year in the study of pharmacy at Valparaiso University. He engaged in the drug business, April 17, 1897, in partnership with E. J. Roberts. After eighteen months he bought out his partner, and the business has since been conducted under the name M. Chenneour & Sons. Mr. Chenneour is secretary of the Roanoke Drain Tile Company. His brother Frederick is manager of the Drain Tile Company, and both have been prominent in upbuilding an industry which is one of the most important sources of prosperity for this community.

In politics Mr. Chenneour is a Progressive. He has proved a valuable officer as clerk and treasurer of the village of Roanoke. He is a member of the United Brethren church, is affiliated with Roanoke Lodge No. 195, A. F. & A. M.; with Little River Lodge No. 275, I. O. O. F., and has served as recording secretary fifteen consecutive terms; belongs to Camp No. 9147 of the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Little River Valley Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose at Huntington.

John K. Smith. Since he was four years of age, John K. Smith has lived in Indiana, after reaching manhood took up the responsibilities of life as a farmer, and for a number of years has enjoyed a reputation in Jackson township, as one of the most progressive and successful men in his vocation, at the same time being a citizen who will readily turn aside from his private interests to help in community matters.

John K. Smith was born in Morrow county, Ohio, March 20, 1863, a son of Henry S. and Sarah (Walker) Smith. Henry S. Smith was born in Pennsylvania, where he married Miss Walker, and soon afterwards they came to Morrow county, Ohio, where they were farming people. From Ohio, in 1864, the family settled in Huntington county, Indiana, acquiring land in Union township, where the father spent all the rest of his years. He was a quiet, unassuming man, and an upright citizen, and became the father of eight children, five of whom are now living. Besides John K. these children are: Jerre W. Smith of Union township; Julia, wife of William Fogwell, of Allen county, Indiana; Ephriam Smith, of the city of Huntington; and Henry W. of Allen county.

John K. Smith was reared on a farm in Huntington county, and attended the common schools until he was about eighteen years of age. After he left school there was never any lack of opportunity for hard work, and for some time he made himself useful about a saw mill, and

from an early age regularly followed a plow and performed all the varied duties of an Indiana farmer.

On November 6, 1883, occurred his marriage with Miss Essie McFadden, who was born in Sandusky, Ohio, February 28, 1862, and was given the advantages of the schools, and also of a good home. She came to Indiana with her parents in 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived in La Fayette township of Allen county, and in 1892 moved to Jackson township. There the combined industry and management of husband and wife gradually brought them into a position of substantial prosperity, and they owned a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres, which Mr. Smith sold in 1913. He then bought another farm of 120 acres in Jackson township, where his son lives. In March, 1914, he moved to Roanoke, where he is living retired. To their marriage have been born two children: Erwin C., born January 6, 1885, a farmer in Jackson township, and who married May Breckenridge; Gola Vera, born December 27, 1892, graduated from the common schools and the Roanoke high school. Mr. Smith and family worship in the Methodist Episcopal church at Roanoke, of which he is one of the trustees, and is treasurer of the Sunday school. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America, and in politics was a regular republican up to the campaign of 1912, then he cast his influence and vote for the progressive cause.

Ernest E. Van Alstine. In the extent of his general business enterprise and in his qualification as a citizen and a man, Ernest E. Van Alstine is one of the progressive leaders in Huntington county, and well known as a banker and a farmer, whose home is in Jackson township.

Mr. Van Alstine was born in Yellowhead township, in Kankakee county, Illinois, August 7, 1866, a son of G. W. and Mary E. (Kile) Van Alstine. His father, born in Knox county, Ohio, located in Illinois in 1837, where the Kiles entered land from the government. In 1893 Mr. Van Alstine and his father moved to White county, Indiana, and the parents still live there. Their enterprise was chiefly responsible for installing the electric light plant in Monticello, and during their eight years of residence there, the father was postmaster of Monticello for four years and Ernest E. Van Alstine was deputy three years.

Coming to Huntington county in 1903, Mr. Van Alstine bought three hundred and forty acres on Reserve Number Forty-Eight, in Jackson township, and has since successfully prosecuted a large industry as a general farmer and stockman.

Mr. Van Alstine married Cora E. Pulver of Lake county, Indiana. She was born in West Creek township of that county, and her father was born, reared and died on the same farm. Before her marriage she was a successful and popular teacher in Lake county. Mr. and Mrs. Van Alstine have three children: Okes P., a graduate of the Roanoke high school, and now a student of agriculture at the Purdue University; Sula E., a graduate of the Roanoke high school; and Alton E., aged thirteen. Mary J., born in 1905, died in June, 1906, in infancy.

Mr. Van Alstine and family are members of the United Brethren

church. He is senior warden of Roanoke Lodge, No. 105, A. F. & A. M. Outside of his farming enterprise he is identified with financial affairs, as a stock holder in the Roanoke State Bank, and also in the White County Loan & Trust Company, of which his father was president. His father made a record of gallant service as a soldier in the One Hundred and Thirteenth Illinois Volunteer infantry during the Civil war, and was out for three years.

LINCOLN BOLINGER. Since the conclusion of his school days, Lincoln Bolinger has never claimed to be anything else but a practical farmer, and in this line of vocation has succeeded to a degree which classes him among the best representatives of that tried and ancient business in all Huntington county. Mr. Bolinger has been a hard worker, and much of his success is due to the fact, that he has depended on his own efforts, rather than upon those of others, having never flinched from the performance of duties, however toilsome or disagreeable they might have been. The Bolinger farm is regarded as one of the best in northeastern Huntington county. It comprises one hundred and sixty acres, one hundred and ten acres of which lie in La Fayette township of Allen county, and the rest in Jackson township of Huntington county. For a number of years, Mr. Bolinger has had particular success as a stock raiser, and his attention has been divided between the raising of high-grade Belgian horses, short horn cattle, Duroc hogs and Oxford sheep. He has a large acreage, and keeps it all in the highest state of improvement.

Lincoln Bolinger was born in Defiance county, Ohio, September 6, 1861, a son of George and Lavina (Morris) Bolinger. His father was born in Ohio, but was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Morris whose native home was Greene county of that state. In 1850 they came to Indiana, locating in Fort Wayne. George Bolinger is remembered as an old builder of canal boats, and constructed the first steamboat operated on the Wabash and Erie Canal. In 1863 he located in Jackson township, but still continued to build boats for use on the canal. The last sample of his work as a boat builder was the R. C. Ebersole, named in honor of his old friend, a druggist of Roanoke, Indiana. With the rapid decline of traffic on the canal and the eventful destruction of that old waterway, Mr. Bolinger was without a vocation and in that situation he turned to farming. He bought a tract of land located on the prairie, and owing to a defective title lost it, after which he bought a farm where his son Lincoln now lives. He was a stanch republican, and an upright citizen, but seldom appeared in politics. He was the father of eight children, five sons and three daughters, and those still living besides Lincoln are: John, of Toledo; George W. of Gas City, Grant county, Indiana; Joseph, of Ionia, Michigan; and Lydia, wife of James Reed of Fort Wayne.

Lincoln Bolinger was two years old when the family moved to Indiana, and was reared on the old homestead in Jackson township. The winter months from the time he was six years of age, until he was about eighteen

were spent in attendance at school, and the first term of school was taught in a house constructed of hewed logs, A. C. Huffman having been the teacher of that old district school. In the meantime he had plenty of opportunity for exercising and developing his muscular strength as well as encouraging mental growth, by work on the farm, and his business in life was practically ready for him when he left school. At the age of nineteen he established a home of his own, by his marriage to Sarah M. Saunders, a daughter of Jacob Saunders. She was born and reared at Roanoke, Indiana. Of the four children born to that marriage three are now living: Erwin, of White county; Charles, of Fort Wayne; and Rosa, wife of Elias Carpenter, of Noble county. The mother of those children died in 1888. Mr. Bolinger later married Martha M. Moses, of Allen county, Indiana. The five children by this union are: Zelma, wife of William Norris, of Jackson township; Lura, wife of John Hine, of Whitley county; Arthur, who is a farmer with his father, and who married Jane Powell; Florence, who is unmarried, and in high school at Roanoke; and Bertha, who lives at home.

As to politics, Mr. Bolinger supports the republican party, and at the present time is serving on the advisory board for Jackson township, an office he has held for the past ten years. He has the complete confidence of his neighbors and fellow citizens and is a man whose character and career are both above reproach.

Preston B. Settlemyre. The Settlemyre family has been identified with Jackson township since 1860. The fundamental vocation of the various members of the family has been farming, but they have long identified themselves prominently with public affairs and also with various lines of business. The father of Preston B. Settlemyre was a soldier of the Union army, and the latter has served as trustee of Jackson township, and is now postmaster at Roanoke.

Preston B. Settlemyre was born in Warren county, Ohio, June 5, 1857, a son of Charles W. and Amanda A. (Hathaway) Settlemyre. The parents were likewise natives of Warren county, where they were reared, educated and married. In the fall of 1860 they brought their little family to Huntington county locating on a farm in Jackson township, which continued to be their home until they passed from life. In 1862 the father enlisted in the Seventy-Fifth Regiment of Indiana Infantry, went to the front as a private, and carried a musket as a Union soldier until the close of hostilities. Returning an honored veteran he resumed his work as a farmer in Jackson township and died there in March, 1876. His widow passed away two years later in 1878. They were quiet people, and most of their interests were within the limits of their own homestead. Their children were five in number, as follows: Preston B.; William E. of Roanoke; Stella M., wife of Jacob Vollmar of Union township; Eva, wife of Ed W. Young of Union township; and Lettie, of Markle.

Preston B. Settlemyre was reared on the farm in Jackson township, from the age of three years, and his boyhood was spent very much in

the manner of country boys during the sixties and seventies, when work on the farm was slack, during the winter months he went to the district schools, but from an early age had his own share of duties to perform and was well trained in habits of industry. He continued to attend school at intervals until he was sixteen, and then worked at home on the farm until his mother's death.

In May, 1878, Mr. Settlemyre married Nancy M. Arick. She was born and reared on a farm in Jackson township, and attended the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Settlemyre have the following children: Charles A., who graduated from the common schools and married Lizzie Van Dine; Tillie M., a graduate of the local schools and now the wife of N. L. Highland of Roanoke; Melissa M., a graduate of the common schools and the wife of Bayliss Carter of Roanoke. After his marriage Mr. Settlemyre worked industriously and with considerable prosperity as a farmer up to 1891, in which year he moved to Roanoke and has actively identified himself with several lines of enterprise in this city. At the present time he is president of the Roanoke Drain Tile Company. In public affairs he gave service as treasurer of the town board of Roanoke, and was one of the town trustees, also served as trustee of Jackson township from 1904 to 1908, and on July 1, 1912, was appointed postmaster at Roanoke, an office which he now fills to the entire satisfaction of the patrons of that office. In politics, Mr. Settlemyre is a republican. He and his family worship in the United Brethren church at Roanoke, of which he is one of the trustees. Fraternally his affiliations are with Little River Lodge No. 275, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand, and with the Tent No. 124, of the Knights of the Maccabees, in which he has passed the different chairs. Mr. Settlemyre, in many ways, has proved himself a valuable factor in his community.

Davis Augustus Kline. As a breeder and raiser of fine live stock Davis A. Kline has a reputation far beyond the limits of his home township of Jackson. The Evergreen Stock Farm in that township is a model place of its kind and its improvements and adaptations to the uses of modern stock raising are the results of an exceptional degree of enterprise on the part of Mr. Kline. He began his career without any special capital and only such training as has been supplied during his boyhood years spent on a farm, and by thrifty management has become one of the most prosperous citizens of the community. The Evergreen Stock Farm comprises one hundred and twenty acres of land, located in section 29, seven miles northeast of Huntington.

Davis A. Kline was born in Noble county, Indiana, July 31, 1857, a son of William and Margaret (Crumby) Kline. His father was born in Pennsylvania, and his mother in eastern Ohio, and they were married in the latter state and came to Indiana, locating in Noble county. The father at Ligonier followed his trade as a buggy and wagon maker. Later he bought a farm in Whitley county, and spent his last years in that vicinity. His death occurred in August, 1902. For many years he had been one of the active workers in the Church of God. His wife

MRS. MARY DUMBAULD
JOHN FAHL
EDWARD FAHL
MRS. ESTHER REBER
DANIEL FAHL
WILLIAM FAHL
MRS. SUSAN JOHNSON
HENRY FAHL
GEORGE W. FAHL

passed away in 1887. They had a family of seven sons and two daughters. Of the sons, John W. Kline gave up his life while in the service of his country as a Union soldier. The children still living are: Adam H., of Peru, Indiana; William T., of Huntington; Abraham, a resident of Goshen; Davis A.; Alvin B., of Peru; Lavina, wife of Theodore Wolley, of Huntington.

Davis A. Kline was born in Noble county, was brought to Whitley county in 1858, when about one year of age, was reared on a farm and attended district school, and was also a student in the Columbia city high school. At one time he intended to follow educational work and had a certificate qualifying him for teaching, but instead took up the work of the farm, and for more than thirty years has followed along the same line with distinctive success.

In November, 1884, Mr. Kline married Ella Christian, a daughter of Daniel Christian of Jackson township. To that union was born one daughter, Wilda, a graduate of the Roanoke high school, and a graduate in music from Valparaiso University and is now the wife of Jonathan Hacker, who is professor of mathematics at Sioux Falls, North Dakota. Mr. Kline's first wife died in 1886, and he then married Alice Beck, a daughter of German Beck. To that marriage were born three children: Mary A., a graduate of the Jackson township high school, and the wife of Royal Simons of Jackson township; Bessie M., a graduate of the Roanoke high school, and the wife of Blythe Delp, of Huntington; and Arthur, a graduate of the Roanoke high school; after which he took the civil service examination and is now city mail carrier of Huntington. The mother of this second family died February 11, 1899. Mr. Kline's present wife, whom he married in 1902, was Austa Simons of Jackson township. She was reared in Jackson township, graduated from the Roanoke high school, was liberally educated in music, and taught that art previous to her marriage. Mr. Kline and family have membership in the United Brethren church at Zion. In politics he is a Repblican and has served as trustee of Jackson township by two elections, his total service in that office having continued for six and a half years.

Besides his home farm, Mr. Kline owns sixty-five acres in section seventeen in the same township. He is one of the directors in the State Bank of Roanoke, and is president of the Roanoke Creamery Company. In live stock raising he has made a special success in the breeding of thoroughbred Percheron horses, Chester White hogs, and Cotswold sheep. His success has readily justified his high position among the farmers and stock raisers of Jackson township.

Henry Fahl. A career of exceptional enterprise and public spirited relationship with the community has been that of Henry Fahl, who is a native son of Huntington county, belongs to a family which was established here in pioneer times, and is the owner and proprietor of the old Fahl homestead, which under his management has been increased to two hundred acres, situated three miles east of Huntington on the Union Center Gravel Road. Mr. Fahl's prosperity is almost

entirely due to his individual efforts, and what he has he has made for himself.

Henry Fahl was born on the old farm in Union township, July 23, 1849, a son of George and Mary Fahl. The Fahl family came originally from Germany, and George Fahl was born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, of which his wife was likewise a native. They were married in that county, and settled in Huntington county, Indiana, in 1841. Their location in Union township entitled them to distinction as pioneers, and they bore their full share of the hardships and responsibilities connected with living in that vicinity at that time. George Fahl died on the old farm in 1873, and his widow survived until July, 1893. They were the parents of nine children, and the seven living at the present writing are: Edward, of Cass county; William, of Huntington City; Dan, of Markle; John of Miami county; and Susan and Mary, both residents in the city of Huntington.

Henry Fahl was reared on the old farm, was educated in the district schools, and from his boyhood experience as a farmer, was naturally introduced to the career in which he has made a substantial success. Mr. Fahl has never taken upon himself the responsibility of family life, and has done much for other members of the family. He has long been an active worker in the Reformed church, having served as an elder for fifteen years. His politics is Democratic, but he has never aspired to public honors, and has never held any office of importance.

Ephriam F. Smith. Among the old families of Huntington county the Smiths have had a permanent place from the time of development immediately following the pioneer era. For more than sixty years their lives have been led along the paths of quiet industry and prosperity, and as farmers and good citizens they have done their full share for the enrichment and improvement of community life. Ephriam F. Smith, the successor of both his grandfather and his father in the ownership of the old homestead in Jackson township, has long had a prominent part in affairs in that locality and since 1908 has held the office of trustee of Jackson township.

Mr. Smith was born on the farm where he now lives, August 8, 1865. His parents were Jacob J. and Elizabeth A. (Hoover) Smith. His father, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, a son of DeWalt T. Smith, came to Huntington county at the age of fourteen in 1852, his father locating on the farm above referred to as the Smith homestead. Grandfather DeWalt T. Smith lived there until his death, and the estate then passed into the ownership of Jacob J. Smith, who was its proprietor until 1901, in which year he moved into Roanoke, where he still resides. His wife died in Roanoke in June, 1912. There were six children, four sons and two daughters in the family, mentioned as follows: Ephriam F.; James C., deceased; Ella, wife of William B. Hughes of Jackson township; B. H. Smith, superintendent of public schools at New Haven, Indiana, and a graduate of the Valparaiso University with the degree Bachelor of Science; Rolla is the wife of Bert E. Mitchell, who is an

expert window trimmer and resides in Joliet, Illinois; Clyde Smith is in the restaurant business at Roanoke.

Mr. E. F. Smith was reared on the farm where he now lives and all his boyhood associations were around this old homestead. As soon as he was old enough to attend school, he likewise exerted his young strength in performing some of the duties about the home, and most of his education was acquired in the winter seasons when he attended the Poplar Grove school house. He grew up to a career of farming and has followed that vocation with many substantial results of his industry and good management since early manhood. On October 4, 1888, Mr. Smith married Sarah J. Showalter. She is a daughter of David Showalter of Jackson township, and was reared and educated in the district schools of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of three children, two daughters and one son: Effie, a graduate of the Roanoke high school, and for three terms a student at the State Normal, and is now a popular teacher in the Roanoke schools; Dessie is a graduate of the Roanoke high school, and a teacher in the district schools; Lawrence is a student in high school. The family are members of the United Brethren church at Zion, of which Mr. Smith is a trustee. He affiliates with the Roanoke Tent No. 124 of the Knights of the Maccabees. A republican in politics, he has long taken considerable interest in party affairs, and as a vigorous and progressive citizen was elected township trustee in November, 1908, and is still serving in that office. He is one of the directors of the Roanoke Telephone Company, and is recognized as a man of judgment and capacity wherever known.

Sebastian G. Bear. Now one of the prosperous farmers of Huntington county, and a citizen whose services have been available for the general advancement and public welfare of his community, Sebastian G. Bear began his career with a minimum of capital, and won his success entirely through his industry and business push, and enterprise.

Mr. Bear was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1856. His father was Joseph Bear, who left Pennsylvania, and took his family out to Illinois, locating in Fulton county in 1858. On a farm in that county the son had his earliest recollections, and the family continued to live there until 1866, when the father moved to McLean county in the same state, where he lived until death. There were two children in the family who are still living, the older brother being Joseph Bear of Union township in Huntington county.

Sebastian G. Bear lived on a farm and shared its work and responsibilities and attended school until he was about eighteen. He then gave up books and became his father's active assistant. He continued with his father until he was twenty-one, and the latter then gave him a team of horses, and a set of harness, and with that he started out to make his own fortune. He lived in Illinois as a renter for some years, finally came to Howard county, Indiana, where he acquired ownership of one hundred and forty acres and in March, 1905, moved to Jackson township of Huntington county where he bought the old Christian farm of

one hundred and seventy acres. Mr. Bear is a very progressive farmer and stock raiser, a man who invests his surplus in extra land, and follows out strict business principles in all his dealings. To the one hundred and seventy acres which he first purchased, he has added first sixty acres, and then eighty acres more, and at the present time has a splendid farm of three hundred and ten acres in Jackson township. In Howard county, in 1898, Mr. Bear married Miss Minnie Peters. They are the parents of six children: Lulu is the wife of Floyd Johnson; Sebastian R. is thirteen years old, and the other younger children are Minnie, Robert, Lavada and Jane. Mr. Bear affiliates with Roanoke Lodge No. 195, A. F. & A. M., and in politics is a republican.

William Horace Young. The modern enterprise which is developing the country everywhere and transforming the conditions of rural life is well represented in the person of William Horace Young of Jackson township, proprietor of the North View Grain and Stock Farm, on sections 20 and 21. This farm is two miles west of Roanoke on the Roanoke and Christian Gravel Road. Mr. Young and wife after their marriage had resources next to nothing, and it was largely on their confident courage and resourcefulness and industry that they lived for several years. They have made an exceptional success and are now among the prosperous people of their vicinity.

William Horace Young was born on a farm in Union township of this county, November 13, 1873. His parents were John S. and Elba (Ward) Young. His father was a son of John E. Young, Sr., who was of Scotch ancestry, and who lived in Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio. John S. Young, Jr., came to Indiana, in the Spring of 1864, after he had been reared and married in Warren county, Ohio. He located in Union township in the midst of the woods, where he still lives, and is one of the oldest residents in that section. His wife died in 1885. John S. Young has been a farmer and a lover of good stock, particularly fine horses. He became the father of the following children: Ida B., wife of Emery Taylor of Zanesville, Indiana; James F., of Union township; William H., a native of Union township; Sarah E., wife of John Difendorfer of Jackson township.

William H. Young was reared on a farm in Union township, attended the district schools as a boy, and his training in books which was more or less irregular, was completed so far as school attendance was concerned at the age of seventeen. After that he studied at home at night, and made up many of the deficiencies of his early training, so that he is one of the best informed and best read men in his community. Mr. Young early in his career married Carrie Vollmar, a daughter of Peter Vollmar of Jackson township. They have a little household of six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: Elgie C., a graduate of the common schools; Elvie L.; Minnie G.; George E.; Thomas C.; and Ida E. All the younger children are attending school. Mr. Young is a member of the Evangelical church, and in politics he is a Democrat.

Though they started out with nothing, Mr. and Mrs. Young now have

the income of a handsome farm of one hundred and forty acres in Jackson township. Since June 2, 1900, Mr. Young has owned three different farms, and has succeeded in paying for each one of them, and his success is now growing rapidly. Farming and stock raising have been the lines along which he has reached toward success, and he keeps good grades of all kinds of live stock. He is a good financier, and his management has carried the credit along with his industry for his prosperity.

JOHN A. DEARMITT. Jackson township's quota of successful citizens would not be complete without mention of John A. DeArmitt, who for a number of years taught school during his earlier career in this locality, and is remembered well for his work in that direction, and a later generation knows him as a successful farmer and stock raiser.

John A. DeArmitt was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1859, a son of John A. and Margaret (Gallagher) DeArmitt. Both parents were also natives of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. Grandfather Barney DeArmitt was of Irish birth, and emigrated to the United States when a young man, locating in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. There he married an Irish girl named McIlhaney, and they had a family of five sons and two daughters, all of whom are now deceased. John A. DeArmitt, Sr., father of the Jackson township citizen, was reared and married in his native state, and on moving to Indiana, located in Huntington county in 1870. There he lived out the remainder of his days, as an industrious farmer, and by long years of effort and good management accumulated considerable property. He was the father of four sons and three daughters, four of whom are living at this time. His sister is Anna, wife of Charles Hobley, of Huntington.

John DeArmitt, Jr., was reared on the old farmstead in Jackson township, had a schooling in the local institutions of learning, and as his early career was largely spent in educational work, he equipped himself for his profession by a great deal of study in higher colleges and seminaries. The Roanoke Classical Seminary was one source of cultivation for his mind; he also was a student in the Danville Normal, and attended the DePauw University for a time. While attending school he was also teaching, and altogether taught eighteen terms in the schools of Jackson township.

In August, 1889, Mr. DeArmitt married Miss Mary Shroyer, who was born and reared in Jackson township, a daughter of J. S. Shroyer. Mr. and Mrs. DeArmitt have no children. After their marriage they settled on a farm, and at the present time Mr. DeArmitt owns seventy acres of land, two and a half miles west of Roanoke on the Christian Gravel Road. He has been particularly successful in the raising of Poland-China hogs, and Jersey cattle, and some of his stock is of the prize variety. He and his wife worship in Pleasant Chapel of the United Brethren faith, and in politics he has taken an active part in the affairs of the democratic party. At one time he was his party's nominee for county auditor. He and his wife have a pleasant home and are both agreeable people in all their relations with the social community.

JOHN H. AHNER. Three miles west of the village of Roanoke, along the Roanoke and Christian Gravel Road, is the eighty-acre farm of John H. Ahner, comprising the north half of the northeast quarter of section 19 of Jackson township. This is a well improved and well appointed farmstead, and represents the business enterprise and much of the accomplishment of John H. Ahner as a business man and citizen. Since he was a few months old, Mr. Ahner has had his home in Huntington county, and is a product of the old log cabin days, since the home to which he was introduced in this county was a rude house built of logs, and had furnishings which were primitive in the extreme.

John H. Ahner was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, January 25, 1853, a son of Mary A. (Eshbach) Ahner. The parents were both born near Philadelphia. When about nine years old the father was left an orphan and was put out among strangers to be reared. He had varied experiences and hardships as a young man and finally found his way into the state of Ohio, where he was married. In the fall of 1853, when their son John was less than a year of age, they came out to Indiana, and located in Jackson township of Huntington county. Section 19 on which they located was then a dense forest, and it was necessary for the father to clear away a small patch before he could erect his log cabin and have a place for his first crops. The parents lived to see all the surrounding country settled and improved with splendid farms, and they lived in the one locality all the rest of their lives. The father died in 1900 and the mother in March, 1912. Both were devout Christians, and were among the excellent people who composed the early citizenship of Huntington county. There were six children, two of whom died in infancy, and the four now living are: Catherine, wife of Nicholas Kreamer; John H.; Jacob, a resident of Fort Wayne, where he is a carpenter, and Charles, of Detroit, Michigan. Besides their own family, the parents took into their home a daughter, named Charlotte Moss, who is now the wife of Frank Berry of Fort Wayne.

John H. Ahner was reared in Jackson township, and when old enough entered the district schools which he attended with more or less regularity, until he was about eighteen years of age. At the same time he had for a number of years devoted his summers to work on the farm, and in that way got a practical education for life. Mr. Ahner has been dependent on his own resources for his livelihood since he was sixteen, and worked as a farm hand and in other employments at monthly wages for a number of years. In this way he gradually got ahead in the world, and at the age of thirty-one took upon himself the responsibilities of a home and family. He was married in 1887, to Elmira J. Christian. She is one of the daughters of Samuel Christian, who was one of the pioneers of Huntington county. She grew up and received her education in the local schools, and since her marriage has become the mother of two children: Grace M., who is a graduate of the common schools, and is now a student in the Roanoke high school; and Ray C., who is still in the grade schools.

Mr. Ahner in politics is a Democrat, and at one time allowed his name

to go on the party ticket as candidate for the office of trustee in Jackson township. Such was his standing in the community, that although he belonged to the minority party he came within seven votes of being elected. His chief public service consists in the supervision of several important highways in the vicinity of his residence. He is superintendent of the Roanoke and Christian, the Roanoke and County Line, and the Harris Gravel Road.

Cyrus Blaugh. The farming community of Jackson township has known Cyrus Blaugh as a quiet but energetic citizen for more than forty years, and he is a man who beginning on a very small and modest scale has established himself securely in the business economy of his community, and has acquired a substantial property as a bulwark against the advancing enemy of old age and adversity.

Cyrus Blaugh was born in Stark county, Ohio, June 30, 1852, a son of Christ and Elmira (McConekey) Blaugh. The parents also were natives of Stark county, but when their son Cyrus was fourteen years of age they moved to Huntington county, Indiana, in 1866. Their location was in Jackson township, where they remained until their death, and were prosperous as farmers. They were the parents of two sons. Eli Blaugh lives in Huntington City, and is connected with the Erie Railroad. On the old home farm in Jackson township, Cyrus Blaugh grew to maturity, and his education was supplied by the district schools. Circumstances over which he had no control made it necessary for him to give more of his time when a boy to the work of the farm and to attendance at school, but he has supplemented his early deficiences of education by close observation of men and affairs, and by constant reading. Mr. Blaugh married Mary J. Simons, a daughter of Abraham and Mary Simons. After their marriage they started out with one acre of land, and he now has sixty-five acres in section 7, and has been able to provide well for his growing family. By his first wife there were born two children and both are deceased. For his second wife he married Sarah Darr, a daughter of Godfried Darr. The children of the second marriage are five in number as follows: Evie, wife of Melvin Simons; Emmet, who is married and lives in Whitley county; Arthur Blaugh of Huntington; Otha, who lives in Fort Wayne; and Roy, seventeen years of age and at home. Mr. Blaugh is a republican in politics.

Cornelius Martz. On a finely improved estate of one hundred and twenty acres in section nine of Jackson township, Cornelius Martz is most successfully engaged in diversified agriculture, and the raising of high-grade stock. He has lived in Jackson township during the entire period of his life, and commands the confidence and esteem of all who have known him from earliest youth.

His birth occurred in Jackson township, April 1, 1852, a son of John and Margaret (Keller) Martz. His father was a native of Pennsylvania. His mother claimed Ohio as her birthplace. The parents were married in Ohio, and from that state came out to Indiana, and on the twenty-

second of May, 1851, located in Jackson township of Huntington county. In the following year was born their son, Cornelius, and the parents continued to make that their home until they were called from earth's activities by death. There were nine children, and four are living at the present writing, as follows: Sarah A., widow of Daniel Goodman of Michigan; John H. Martz, a resident of Whitley county; Clara H., wife of John M. Fisher of Warren, Ohio; and Cornelius.

Cornelius Martz grew up on the old farm, had a common schooling, and lived at home until he was twenty-two years of age. Then in order to get properly started in the world, his father gave him twenty-five acres of land. With that as his capital he was united in marriage on April 19, 1874, with Miss Margaret Dinnius. She was the daughter of Josiah Dinnius, and was born and reared in Jackson township. To their marriage were born four children, as follows: Melvin H., unmarried; Early, who is married and lives in the state of Virginia; Edith, wife of Elmer E. Kreusen; Laura, who lives at home with her parents. The family worship in the English Lutheran church, and in politics Mr. Martz is a republican. As the basis of his farming activities he owns one hundred and twenty acres, three and a half miles northwest of Roanoke. He has used this to good advantage in creating sufficient wealth for his own means, and in providing liberally for the education of his children and in seeing them properly started in the world.

David Phebus. The distinction of being the largest land owner in Jackson township belongs to David Phebus. The credit for such achievement becomes the greater when it is recalled that David Phebus at the age of twenty-one was known in the country district of White county, where he was reared, as a reliable and industrious young workman, but entirely without capital, and with all his prospects in the future.

David Phebus has been an industrious worker all his life, and has well earned the fine competency which is now his. Born in White county, Indiana, May 11, 1851, David Phebus is a son of Silas and Martha (Harvey) Phebus. The parents were both born in Ohio, and were early settlers of White county. David Phebus was reared on a farm, got his education in the district schools, and grew up at a time when book learning was much disparaged in favor of the practical training of the fields and woods. He learned to swing an ax and follow a plow almost before he learned the multiplication table. In attending school and working at home, he continued until he was eighteen, and then gave all his labor to his family until he was twenty-one. At that date he started out to make his own way, and was employed at day or monthly wages for several years. Samuel Ramey, of White county, for whom he worked, took a liking to the young man, and in order to encourage him and give him a start, sold a tract of land on credit. Assuming this obligation, Mr. Phebus strained every effort to acquit himself of his obligation and in time had not only paid for the land, but had got it into a high state of cultivation. Finally he sold that and bought one hundred and twenty acres and continued to prosper year in and year out. In 1903 Mr.

Phebus sold his White county interests, and came to Huntington county, where he now owns four hundred and eighty acres. Sixty-seven and a half acres of his farm lies in Whitley county. His fine estate, with its principal residence and excellent barns and other improvements, lies one mile west and two miles north of Roanoke, and twelve miles northeast of Huntington. As a general farmer and stock raiser, Mr. Phebus has been realizing handsome profits from his long experience.

Mr. Phebus married Alice Taylor of White county, where she was born and reared on a farm and had her education in schools of the same character as those attended by her husband. Their family of children are named as follows: Walter, who is unmarried and lives at home; Mabel, a graduate of the common schools; Frank, who lives at home; Bernard and Bernice, twins, the latter being the wife of Glenn Hartley of Michigan; Merl, living at home; Charles, who is unmarried and lives at home. Mr. Phebus, though a Democrat, has never interested himself in politics, and it is as a hard working and prospering citizen that he has contributed most to the community.

Ervin E. Richards. Representing a family which has been identified with Huntington county for about sixty years, Ervin E. Richards is a prominent merchant at Roanoke, who has made his prosperity from small beginnings. Among his natural endowments and the results of self-training, energy and business ability have been conspicuous, and upon these qualities as a foundation, he has developed and prospered until today his name is among those of the leaders in commercial affairs in this county. His department store at Roanoke is an extensive establishment, carrying a general line of merchandise with the exception of hardware and drugs.

Ervin E. Richards was born on a farm near Roanoke, January 23, 1859, a son of Daniel and Harriet (Smith) Richards. Both parents grew up and were married in Stark county, Ohio, and early in the fifties came to Huntington county, locating on a farm in Jackson township. That farm remained their home until they were taken away by death. They were quiet people, devoted to the interests of the United Brethren church, made a home and provided as liberally as possible for their family, but never had a conspicuous part in affairs. They became the parents of eleven children, four of whom died in infancy, and six are still living as follows: B. A. Richards, of Huntington; Mrs. R. E. Zent, of Huntington; Marvin W. Richards, of Roanoke; Newton D. E. Richards, of Roanoke; Mrs. A. W. Longsdorf, of Roanoke.

Mr. E. E. Richards was reared on a farm, attended the district schools, and later the Roanoke high school, until he was about seventeen years old. It was at that age that he laid aside his books, and gained the first experience which has led to his business success. For some time he was clerk in a drug store, and worked in that way until 1884. Then with his savings and such money as he had been able to accumulate in the meantime, he started off on his own account, opening a small stock of general merchandise. He bought his stock for cash, and throughout his

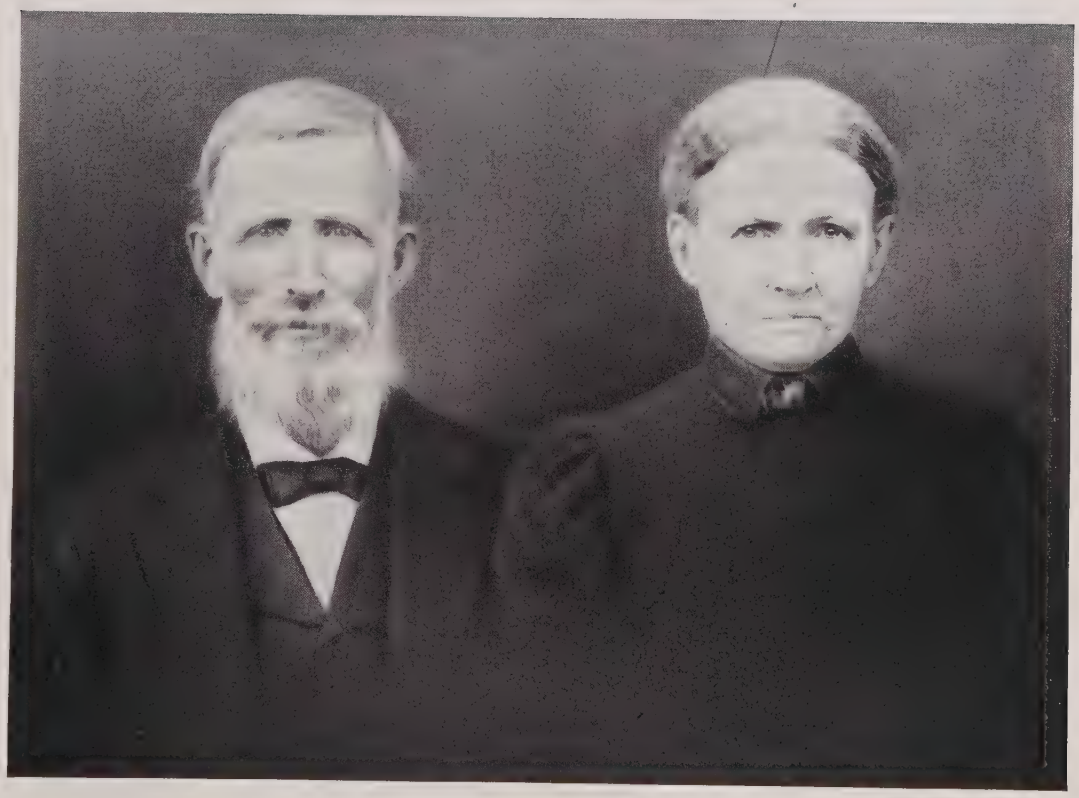
career as a merchant, during thirty years, has made it a point to discount his bills promptly, and to satisfy every legitimate obligation against him. His business has grown with increasing years, and the stock alone is worth more now than the gross aggregate of an entire year's business twenty-five years ago.

In the meantime his relations have also broadened and comprehend several other important concerns in this vicinity. He is vice president and a director in the Roanoke State Bank, and in partnership with E. M. Wasmuth organized and incorporated the Roanoke Telephone Company. Mr. Wasmuth is president and Mr. Richards is secretary and treasurer of this company.

In 1890 Mr. Richards married Ida M. Zent, a daughter of Samuel H. Zent. Mrs. Richards was born and reared in Jackson township, had her education in the local schools and in the Roanoke Classical Seminary, and finished her studies in Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio. She is a cultured and thoroughly educated woman, has proved a valuable helper to her husband in his career, and has taken a prominent part in the education and training of her sons. There are three sons in the family: Donald, who is a graduate of the Roanoke high school, and is now associated in business with his father, under the name of E. E. Richards & Son; Eldon Z., also a graduate of the Roanoke high school; and Noel E., who is still in the Roanoke high school. The family worship in the United Brethren church, and Mr. Richards is one of the church trustees and has served as superintendent of the Sunday school for the past twenty years. Fraternally he is affiliated with Roanoke Lodge No. 195, A. F. & A. M., and with Little River Lodge No. 275, I. O. O. F., of which he is past noble grand. His politics is Republican.

Albert M. DeHaven. One of the oldest and most prominent families of Huntington county is represented by Albert M. DeHaven of Rock Creek township. He himself was born here forty-four years ago, was reared and educated in his native environment, and since attaining manhood has been closely identified with the farming and stock raising interests of the locality. Mr. DeHaven is owner and proprietor of the Loon Creek Valley Stock farm, a name which is registered in the county and which stands for thorough efficiency of agricultural methods, and a regular year in and year out prosperity for its owner. The farm comprises sixty-five acres in section 16 of Rock Creek township, six miles southwest of Markle and eight miles southeast of Huntington on the Browns Corners Gravel Road. Mr. DeHaven raises excellent grades of cattle and other stock, and is progressive in all his methods.

Albert M. DeHaven was born in Rock Creek township, December 12, 1869, a son of Joseph and Hannah (Ewart) DeHaven. His father, Joseph DeHaven, was a son of Samuel DeHaven, who came from his native state of Ohio to Huntington county in 1850 being one of the comparatively early settlers in Rock Creek township, where he lived until his death. Joseph DeHaven is still living, a prosperous and well known resident of Rock Creek township. There were three children in the family



J. A. Troute Sarah M. Troute

of the parents: Samuel M., of Rock Creek township; Caroline E., wife of Clarkson M. Lantis of Wells county, and Albert M.

The last named was reared on a farm, educated in the district schools, and all his early experience and training directed him to a career of usefulness in his present vocation.

Mr. DeHaven was married October 12, 1893, to Miss Emma L. Hoover, who was born in Rock Creek township, September 13, 1874, a daughter of Abram Hoover of Markle. Mr. DeHaven has no children. He and his wife worship in the Methodist Episcopal church at Barnes Chapel, known as the "White Church." He is one of the stewards in the church, treasurer of the Sunday school, and very active in the support and general activity of his denomination. In politics he is a Democrat, though he has never shown any particular desire or willingness to enter politics more than to vote. Mr. and Mrs. DeHaven are quiet and honorable people, and are highly esteemed in their neighborhood.

James A. Troute. The visitor to Huntington county, viewing for the first time its fertile fields, highly cultivated and well regulated farms, waving fields of grain, broad stretches of excellent pasture land and general air of prosperity, finds it difficult to believe that but comparatively a few years ago this section of the great state of Indiana was a wild and unproductive waste, largely covered with timber. Yet such is the case, and the present excellent condition of the country has only been developed by the persistent labors and untiring efforts of men of superior energy and perseverance, whose lives have been spent in forwarding the progress of this section. Among the farmers of Huntington county who have been eye-witnesses to and participants in the wonderful development which has transformed the county from a wilderness to one of the garden spots of the state, James A. Troute, of Jefferson township, is entitled to extended mention. Axe in hand, as a youth he hewed down the monarchs of the forest; as the country grew and developed, so he grew and developed into manhood, and with its prosperity he prospered. His life has been a full and active one, and his history is contemporary with the history of the section in which he has lived so long.

Mr. Troute is a native of Highland county, Ohio, and was born June 22, 1836, his parents being Robert and Nancy (Allison) Troute. Both were natives of Highland county, where they were reared, educated and married, and in 1849 made their way overland in a wagon to the wilderness of Huntington county. The father selected a tract of 160 acres of land in section 35, Jefferson township, deep in the heavy timber, where he located his pioneer home and started to clear his land. He was an industrious and hard-working man, but did not live long enough to see his labors bear full fruit, as his death occurred about 1854 or 1855. His widow was left with the still undeveloped farm, but had the assistance of six sturdy sons, who were amply capable of carrying on the work left to them. Of the ten children in the family, all grew to maturity, and seven are still living

at this time: Martha, who is the widow of John T. Morris, of Warren, Indiana; Sarah, who is the widow of George L. Myers, of Warren; Lockeyann, who is the wife of Jacob Laymon, of Warren; Mary E., who is the widow of John Wall of Warren; Henry; Cyrus, a resident of Van Buren township, Grant county; and James A.

The early education of James A. Troute was secured in the schools of Highland county, Ohio, and he was thirteen years of age when he made the long trip overland to Indiana. Here he attended the primitive schools of his day, but the terms were short, the studies few and conditions unfavorable, so that he did not receive the advantages granted to the youths of modern times. However, he was ambitious and had a retentive mind, and today he is a man of education with a knowledge of a wide range of subjects. As a youth Mr. Troute was known as a handy lad with the axe, and frequently added to his earnings by contracting to clear land. After his father's death he remained on the home farm, working with his brothers in the development of the property, but in August, 1861, decided to found a home of his own, and at that time was married to Miss Sarah M. Taylor, daughter of Samuel and Lucinda (Watters) Taylor. To this union there were born eight children, of whom six survive: John H., who is a prosperous agriculturist of Jefferson township; Monroe, who carries on operations on a farm in Salamonie township; Seymour, whose homestead is located in Jefferson township; Leroy, in Rock Creek township; Viola V., wife of Joseph P. Huber; Arthur of Salamonie township. The two deceased children are Mary Rosetta, who married James McKinney of Warren and she died in 1887; Myrtel Lavina, who died when but two weeks old.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Troute settled down to farming in Jefferson township, and this locality has since been their home. They experienced the hardships incidental to the development of a new home, but their persistent and courageous efforts eventually resulted in the acquirement of a good property, and in their declining years they are enjoying the well-won fruits of their early years of toil. They have a comfortable home on their eighty-acre tract, which is located two miles west of Warren, and here they are surrounded by a wide circle of friends. Mr. Troute has been a lifelong democrat, having cast his first presidential vote for James Buchanan, and has supported every candidate of his party to the present time. Although he is not a politician in the generally accepted meaning of the word, he has wide influence in his community, where his neighbors know him as a man of judgment and integrity. That he is not indifferent to the responsibilities of citizenship is evidenced by the fact that he in past years served as supervisor of the south part of Jefferson township, an office in which he conscientiously endeavored to further the welfare of the community in which he has lived so long and in which he is held in such high esteem.

WILLIAM D. CLINE. While his chief business activity has been that of farming, Mr. Cline is also well known as a citizen, having served as trustee of Rock Creek township, where he lives, and has one of the best homes in his part of the country.

William D. Cline, whose home has been in Huntington county for more than fifty years, was born in Fayette county, Indiana, June 30, 1855. His parents were Henry and Sarah A. (Messersmith) Cline. His father was born in Pennsylvania, and his mother in Fayette county, Indiana, she being of Scotch-Irish descent, while her husband was a Pennsylvania Dutchman. He came to Fayette county when a young man, was married there, and a few years after their marriage, in 1862, moved to Huntington county. They located in Rock Creek township on a tract of land that is now owned by Omer Summers. There the father spent the rest of his life. He was a blacksmith by trade, but spent many years as a farmer and was particularly successful in the raising of hogs. The older residents also remember him for his proficiency and skill as a hunter and fisherman. There were seven children in the family, and three sons and one daughter are still living. A brief record of six of the children is as follows: John Hugh Cline, an attorney of Huntington; Mary O., now deceased; William D.; Thomas, a resident of Chicago; Amanda, wife of Charles McPeak of Markle, Indiana; and Frank, deceased.

William D. Cline was seven years old when the family came to Rock Creek township, grew up in this vicinity and was educated in the local schools, and continued on the home farm until he was thirty years of age. On June 13, 1885, he married Miranda J. Roberts, daughter of Richard Roberts. Mrs. Cline was born in Rock Creek township on April 28, 1862, and received her early advantages in the same neighborhood. To their marriage have been born six children, as follows: Charles H., a graduate of the common school, is now in Egypt; Thurman R., is a graduate of the common schools, of the township high school, and spent some time as a teacher in Andrews; Nettie is the wife of Levi Ulrich of Kelso, Indiana; Winnie is a graduate of the common school, and was a student for two years in the high school, and is now the wife of Everett Zook of Lancaster township; Frank graduated from the common schools, and took two years in the high school; Anna is still a student in the grade schools.

Mr. Cline affiliates with Star of Hope Lodge No. 464, I. O. O. F., is a past noble grand, and a member of the Encampment, and is now senior warden. His politics are Democratic, and on that ticket he was elected and served four years as trustee of Rock Creek township. It was during his administration that the present high school was erected in the township, and the people take great pride in that institution and thereby recognize the efficient public service of Mr. Cline as trustee. His home farm comprises seventy-one acres, eight miles southeast of Huntington, and he has been very successful in the combination of general grain raising and stock feeding. It is in hogs that he has made most of his money, and his experience qualifies him as one of the best posted men in this industry in the county.

James W. McClurg. A citizen of Rock Creek township who has lived in that vicinity for more than sixty years and has always borne a name and reputation for upright conduct and substantial prosperity is James W. McClurg, whose home is a well improved farm estate of one hundred and seven acres. Mr. McClurg represents one of the early families which were established in Huntington county soon after the era of pioneer settlement.

He was born in Rock Creek, July 18, 1851, a son of John and Nellie (Randall) McClurg. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, and Grandfather McClurg came from Ireland. Nellie Randall was born in Ohio. The family located in Rock Creek township when the country was still new, and the parents lived there all the rest of their lives as farmers. There were five children, four of whom are still living: Eliza, wife of Nelson Sharp; James W.; Mary A., wife of Isaac Duncan; and George W. McClurg, of Salamonie township.

James W. McClurg was reared on a farm, educated in the district schools, and after advantages which were very modest in the way of schooling, he started out to earn his own way and make a home and prosperity by the vocation of farming. Mr. McClurg married Lizzie Sharp, who died September 14, 1881, leaving one child. This child is Dorsey McClurg, who married Ethel Jarvin, daughter of Emmet and Alice Jarvin. Dorsey McClurg and wife had four children, Gerald, Helen, Emmett, and Howard. The family worship with the Church of the Brethren at Loon Creek. In politics Mr. McClurg is a Prohibitionist, and is a citizen who supports and can be depended upon to further the moral and intellectual welfare of his community. As a farmer he has gained considerable reputation and success by breeding Jersey cattle, and also shorthorns and Duroc hogs.

William P. Bender. A resident of Markle for thirty-five years, Mr. Bender has long been prominently identified with the mercantile activities of that little Huntington county city, and while busy with his private interests and in building up his individual prosperity has never neglected his share of duties toward the community.

Mr. Bender comes from that old and substantial community known as Berks county, Pennsylvania, where he was born December 12, 1847. His parents were John and Barbara (Mast) Bender. Both parents were likewise natives of Berks county, and represented good old stock in both lines. The parents some years after their marriage came west and located in Wells county, Indiana, and in 1850 settled on a farm in Rock Creek township, in that county, where they lived for many years. Their declining days were spent in the city of Bluffton, where both died. The father was a hard worker, and managed to accumulate a competency during his life in Wells county. He came there with very little means and his first purchase was forty acres in the midst of the woods. After clearing that and getting a little surplus, he bought more land, until he finally owned one hundred and twenty acres. All of this was cleared and improved under his own supervision, or by his own

labors. In the Bender household were ten children, two of whom died in infancy, and the six living at the present time are: John H., who resides in Rock Creek township of Wells county; Susan, the widow of William Miller; William P.; Samuel, a merchant in Bluffton; and Jonathan, of Wells county.

William P. Bender was three years old when the family located on a farm in Wells county, was reared in the country, had a common schooling, and was trained for life by hard work on the farm. His ambition early went beyond the horizon of country life, and his first goal was for educational work. He was a student at Bluffton, and in that way equipped himself to teach, and after getting a license was master of a school in Rock Creek township of Wells county for three winters. In the meantime he had continued to work on the farm, and gradually laid his plans for a commercial career.

In 1872 Mr. Bender married Miss Emma S. Edris. She is likewise a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and her family moved to Wells county, Indiana, in 1861. Mrs. Bender, who has a common school education, is the only one now living out of six children. In 1878 Mr. Bender started in business at Markle, at first in partnership with J. M. Brown. Twenty years later, in 1898, he bought the interest of Mr. Brown, and his since continued alone, and has built up a mercantile concern which for its long standing and reliable dealings is a very profitable establishment. Besides the buildings in which his business is conducted, Mr. Bender owns a new brick structure just across the street, and has one of the most attractive residences in Markle. He is also owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Wells county. Mrs. Bender is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Markle, and he is affiliated with Markle Lodge, No. 423, of the Knights of Pythias, and in politics is a republican.

Lewis E. Summers. One of the influential and trusted business men of Huntington county, with a fine and well kept farmstead in Rock Creek township, and vice president of the Farmers Trust Company of Huntington, Lewis E. Summers has lived in this county for more than forty-five years, was one of the early teachers before the public school system became well established with anything like its modern facilities, and in every capacity through which he has served himself and his community has earned the respect and esteem of his fellowmen.

Lewis E. Summers was born in Fayette county, Indiana, October 12, 1851. He is the oldest of a family of nine children, all of whom are living at this time, as well as the father, Golvin Summers. On December 1, 1864, the parents, Golvin and Sarah J. Summers, with six children, set out from Fayette county to their new home in Union township, Huntington county. They did not arrive at their destination until December 6. It was a caravan quite typical and a common feature to be seen on the highways of Indiana and other states of the middle west at that time. A wagon loaded with household goods was first in the procession, and after it followed all the live stock, horses and colts, cows and sheep.

The diversity of the collection, together with the condition of the roads, which were of the variety called corduroy, made travel very slow, and twenty miles was as much as could be covered in one day.

After the family came to Huntington county, Lewis E. Summers, who was then about thirteen years of age, attended the district school about three months each winter. The school which he attended was taught in a log school house. In the fall of 1868 he attended the Normal school in Markle under the management of David Chambers and taught by Simeon Lee of Wells county. The following winter Mr. Summers taught what was called the Folk school in Union township of Wells county. After which he taught three consecutive terms in Lancaster township, five in Rock Creek township, one in Union township, three in Huntington township, and one in what is now William street school, in the city of Huntington. The last was at that time called the Drovertown school, and it furnished educational facilities for all that part of Huntington south of the river. The old rock house was the only public school building north of the river at that time. That describes quite accurately the condition of schools in Huntington in the year 1872. The legislature passed an act by which Huntington and Drovertown became the city of Huntington, and thus the schools were consolidated.

Mr. John Kenower founded what was called the Rural Home Institute on State street in Huntington about the year 1870. For that time it was a splendid school and continued its good work for several years. Many from the country attended this institution of learning, and among them was Mr. Summers, who took advantage of his spare time between terms of teaching in order to better qualify himself for his own work in the schoolroom. In 1874 he attended the National Normal College at Lebanon, Ohio. This was a training school for teachers, and was then as now liberally patronized by nearly all the state.

On October 14, 1875, Mr. Summers and Miss Charity Hoover were united in marriage. In March, 1876, they moved to a farm in Rock Creek township. Four children were born to their marriage, two sons and two daughters. Mr. Summers continued teaching for several years after his marriage, but in 1882 abandoned that vocation in order to devote his entire time to agriculture. In 1890 came his first election to a prominent public position, when he was chosen county commissioner for the middle district of Huntington county and was re-elected in 1892.

Mrs. Summers after a few days' illness died August 10, 1902, survived by her husband and three children. The oldest child had preceded her in death. On May 14, 1904, Mr. Summers and Mrs. Mary E. Bechtol were united in marriage and they now live on one of the best farms in Rock Creek county, equipped with all the modern improvements found on an up-to-date farm. Both are stockholders in the Farmers Trust Company Bank of Huntington. The Farmers Trust Company opened its doors for business July 22, 1911. The founding of the bank was chiefly due to the enterprise of Mr. A. C. Fast, who is now president. Mr. Summers took an active part in promoting this new enterprise and worked tirelessly until all the stock was placed and everything arranged for

starting the business successfully. The stockholders, who are among the representative citizens of Huntington county, chose him vice president and a member of the Board of Directors, and also a member of the finance committee, and he has been closely identified with the company from the beginning.

Benjamin F. Lyons. In Rock Creek township is located Spring Branch Stock Farm, one of the best situated and most valuable country estates of Huntington county. Its proprietor is Benjamin F. Lyons, who has been identified with agricultural efforts in that vicinity since reaching manhood. His farm comprises one hundred and eighty acres, located in sections 14 and 15, three miles southwest of Markle and ten miles southeast of Huntington. Mr. Lyons carries on general farming operations, but makes a specialty of the breeding and raising of Aberdeen Angus cattle.

Benjamin F. Lyons was born in Fayette county, Indiana, October 14, 1857, a son of James W. and Sarah (Munger) Lyons. The parents were likewise natives of Fayette county, and the father was born there in 1836, grew up and married, and in 1865 settled in Huntington county, in Rock Creek township. He first located half a mile east of Browns Corners, where he owned eighty acres of land. Selling that, he bought forty acres southeast of Browns Corners, and in turn sold that place and bought the one hundred and eighty acres in sections 14 and 15, comprising the homestead now operated by his son Benjamin. There the father lived until his death in October, 1912. He was a veteran of the Civil war. The mother passed away in 1904. They had only two children, and the daughter was Mary, who died in March, 1912, the wife of James Fison.

Benjamin F. Lyons was eight years old when the family came to Rock Creek township, was a student in the district schools, and the home farm gave him all the work that he could attend to, and gradually its chief responsibilities devolved upon his shoulders, and he is now the owner of the old homestead.

In September, 1881, Mr. Lyons married Miss Sarah E. Crevison, a daughter of Joseph J. Crevison. She was born and reared in Rock Creek township, this county. Their one son is Ora A. Lyons, born September 4, 1883, a graduate of the district schools, and now associated with his father in the management of the Spring Branch Stock Farm. The son married Clara Van Meter of Rock Creek township, and their two children are Earl, aged three, and Eldon, aged one year. The father and son are active members of the Star of Hope Lodge, No. 464, I. O. O. F., and both are past noble grand and members of the Grand Lodge. Their wives are members of Rebekah Lodge and have passed all the chairs in the Rebekahs. Mrs. B. F. Lyons is a member of the Grand Lodge. Mr. Lyons is a member of the Encampment and is a past chief patriarch. In politics he is a Democrat. Outside of these activities he aspires to no public prominence or notoriety and his success has consisted in the fact that he has applied himself quietly and

industriously to his work, and has been content to do those duties which lay nearest to him and evade none of the important responsibilities of citizenship or of family life.

William B. Custance. One of the best known citizens of Rock Creek township is William B. Custance, a prominent farmer in that vicinity and who for several years was superintendent of the county infirmary. Mr. Custance represents one of the old families of Huntington county, has spent practically all his life here, and by a quiet citizenship and a thorough honor in all his business relations has gained a high position in his community.

William B. Custance was born in Rock Creek township, February 27, 1855, a son of James B. and Huldah A. (Barnes) Custance. His father was a native of England, at the age of eighteen came to the United States, locating in the state of New York, and afterwards moved to Huntington county, Indiana. In this county he married Huldah A. Barnes, whose parents were among the very early settlers in this part of the state. They became the parents of three children, and William B. is now the only one living.

His youth was spent on a farm in Rock Creek, two miles north of where he now lives; his early environment was similar to that which surrounded most boys in this part of Indiana. He early learned by practical experience the duties on a farm, and went to school each winter, until he had completed the limited curriculum of a country school. Later he was a student in the Roanoke Classical Seminary. The death of a sister terminated his school career and since then he has applied himself industriously to his chosen vocation as a farmer.

On July 16, 1874, Mr. Custance married Clara A. Davis, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, and came to Huntington county when a girl, receiving her education in the common schools. Mr. and Mrs. Custance have two children: Dessie I., a graduate of the common schools and the wife of C. P. Baker of Rock Creek township, and Orla B., a graduate of the common schools and the Huntington Business University, and now an insurance agent at Warren, Indiana, who married Lena Schultz. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mr. Custance affiliates with Star of Hope Lodge, No. 464, I. O. O. F., being a past noble grand and member of the Grand Lodge. In politics he is an active Republican and has been one of the local leaders of his party in this part of Huntington county. In 1898 he was appointed superintendent of the Huntington county infirmary, and during the three and a half years he held that office he distinguished himself by an exceedingly capable administration of the institution.

Since his term with the infirmary came to a close he has been employed in the operation of his farm. His place contains eighty acres and is situated in section 21, a quarter of a mile west of Rock Center and ten miles southeast of Huntington. As a general farmer and stock raiser he has prospered, and as an honest, upright man, an obliging neighbor, he is well known and respected in his locality.

PHILIP E. MONROE, D. D. S. Dr. Monroe has been identified with the little city of Markle for the past ten years. He established himself as a dentist in the community and is not only a successful man in his profession, but a citizen who coöperates with every movement for the public welfare, and is a live wire in the community.

Philip E. Monroe was born at Richmond Dale, in Ross county, Ohio, November 7, 1876, a son of John Monroe and Sarah (Wishon) Monroe. When he was six years of age, his parents moved to Wells county, Indiana, and he grew up on a farm in that county. While Dr. Monroe recalls his early youth in association with much hard work, and also the pleasures of country life, he was given a fairly liberal education, and what was not given him in that line he supplied by his own efforts. He attended the public schools of Wells county, and in the class of 1898 graduated from the Bluffton high school. After that he taught school for two years, and with the proceeds from that work entered in the fall of 1900 the Dental Department of the Ohio Medical University, at Columbus, where he was graduated D. D. S. in 1903. After his graduation Dr. Monroe selected Markle as his place of practice, and has since established himself securely with a reputation as a high-class dental surgeon with a large practice.

On February 7, 1900, Dr. Monroe married Nora Chalfant, a daughter of James Chalfant. They are the parents of one daughter, Bernice, born October 18, 1900. Dr. Monroe has membership in the Indiana State Dental Society; he and his family worship in the Methodist Episcopal church at Markle, and he takes a prominent part in fraternal affairs. He has taken both the lower and cryptic degrees of York Rite Masonry, his affiliations being with Markle Lodge, No. 453, A. F. & A. M.; with Huntington Chapter, No. 27, R. A. M., and with Council No. 51, R. & S. M., at Huntington. He is now master of the Markle Blue Lodge. Besides his Masonic degrees, he has membership in Markle Lodge, No. 423, of the Knights of Pythias, which he has served as past chancellor and member of the Grand Lodge, and also with Lodge No. 805 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Huntington, and Camp No. 8138 of the Modern Woodmen of America, being clerk of his camp. In politics he is a democrat, but has taken little part in public life.

JAMES SUMMERS. The present trustee of Rock Creek township, James Summers represents a family which have long been identified with this section of Huntington county, and as land owners and citizens have always stood high in the community. Mr. Summers is proprietor of the Wabash Valley Stock Farm, a beautiful and valuable country estate comprising four hundred and seventy acres of land, situated three miles west of Markle and seven miles east of Huntington.

Mr. Summers was born in Union township of this county, January 13, 1865, a son of Golvin and Sarah J. (Trusler) Summers. His father was born in Wayne county, Indiana, and his mother in Fayette county, their marriage having been celebrated in the latter county. They came to Huntington county in December, 1864, locating in Union township.

The parents after their marriage were people in very ordinary circumstances, and for some time they lived in a log cabin with only one room, and the barest of furnishings and the material necessities. They both possessed qualifications of hard workers, were thrifty and economical and as the father was a man of strict probity and had no bad habits, he gradually began to get ahead in the world, and his accumulations continued until at one time he was the owner of as much as one thousand acres of land. He is still a resident of Rock Creek township, and has long been one of the most honored citizens in that locality. His wife died in 1909. Their family of nine children are mentioned briefly as follows: Lewis E. Summers; Simon, a farmer who has a local reputation for the raising of hogs in Rock Creek township; Jasper, whose home is in Rock Creek township; Anna, wife of David Funderburgh, of Huntington township; Emma, wife of Charles Young of Wabash county; Golvin, Jr., of Union township; James Omer, a prosperous farmer of Rock Creek; Kate, wife of John Bowman of Rock Creek.

James Summers was reared on a farm in Rock Creek township, received his education in the district schools, and finally qualified himself for work as a teacher. That vocation he followed in the schoolrooms in this county for fifteen years, but eventually all his time and energies were directed to farming and he now owns not only one of the conspicuous farmsteads of Huntington county, but conducts his business in a way that is both profitable and adds to the substantial resources of this county.

Mr. Summers married Lottie J. Bailey, a daughter of George H. Bailey of Union township. Their three children are: Myrl A., a graduate of the Rock Creek high school in the class of 1913: Elva D., who is in high school; and Erwin R., attending grade schools. Mr. Summers is a democrat in politics, and his election to the office of trustee indicates the general esteem which is paid to him as a man and citizen.

David B. Garber. In the commercial, intellectual and religious activities of the community at Markle and vicinity, Mr. Garber has filled several important offices, and has made himself a very useful factor in promoting and upholding these affairs in his vicinity. To the business community, he is perhaps best known as Cashier of the Farmers and Traders Bank at Markle. Mr. Garber is a college-trained gentleman, is a minister in the Brethren church, has been an educator, and has the best talents which enable him to play an important part in more than one field.

David B. Garber was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, March 28, 1865, a son of C. M. Garber and Mary (Miller) Garber. The parents were both natives of Rockingham county, Virginia, and when their son David was six months of age, they returned to their old home in Virginia, and thus it was that Mr. Garber grew up in Rockingham county. He completed his education in the Bridgewater College, where he took the English course, and was graduated with his Bachelor's degree. Previous to his college work, he had taught school in Rockingham county,

and after leaving college he went to Carroll county, Maryland, and taught there for four years. While he was successful in the field of education, it was his ambition to prepare himself for the commercial life, and in 1892 he spent one year at Valparaiso University, where he gave special attention to shorthand and typewriting. When he was ready to use this knowledge, he located in Marion, Indiana, and for four years was private secretary to Congressman George W. Steele. In 1897, Mr. Garber moved to a farm, and along with the cultivation of the soil, also had charge of Church of the Brethren in his neighborhood. In 1906 Mr. Garber located in Huntington county, in Rock Creek township, which is his present home. For the past seven years Mr. Garber has been pastor in charge of the Brethren Church at Markle, and is trustee and treasurer and a member of the executive board of the North Manchester College. For some time he was secretary-treasurer of the Majenica Telephone Company, and is now president of that public utility.

In September, 1893, occurred the marriage of Mr. Garber with Miss Della Tinkle, of Grant county. She was born and reared in Washington township of Grant county, and possesses a common school education. To their marriage have been born four children: Charles, aged seventeen, who is a student in the Markle high school; Cora, aged fourteen and attending the public schools of Markle; Ora, aged eleven years; and Mary, aged ten. All the children are in school. Mr. Garber is a member and pastor of the Church of the Brethren, in politics is a Prohibitionist, and has done much to promote the cause of temperance in his community.

James K. Cline. It is to the pioneer stock of Huntington county that James K. Cline belongs, his family was established on the banks of Rock Creek more than seventy years ago. Mr. Cline is himself a native of the county, and his individual career has been a somewhat interesting record of performance. Probably few men now living in the county have cleared up more land, or brought more of the fertile soil of Huntington county under tillage than James K. Cline. There is hardly a more difficult work which man undertakes than the clearing off of the heavy forest and the inauguration of the era of the plow on new land. Mr. Cline has done more than one man's share in this labor, and for this reason no one will deny him his just claim to all the prosperity which has come in his later years.

James K. Cline was born on a farm in Rock Creek township, September 7, 1848. His parents were James and Anna (Shively) Cline. They came from Stark county, Ohio, to Huntington county in 1839. The journey was made with ox-teams and they drove over roads that were little more than trails, spent the nights camping in the open air, or lodged in some wayside cabin. James Cline, the father, was not only an early settler of Huntington county, but was one of the early millers, and had the distinction of being the first to operate the Markle Grist Mill. He had learned the trade of miller in Ohio. The history of some of the early mills about Markle involves frequent mention of the name of James Cline. His home was near Rock Creek Center. James

Cline was born December 8, 1813, and his wife on June 4, 1816. The record of their children is as follows: Sarah Cline, born June 7, 1837; George W. Cline, born December 30, 1838; and Henry H. Cline, born June 12, 1841; Christina, born March 18, 1843; Susanna, born August 18, 1845; James K., born September 7, 1848; Melissa, born December 26, 1851; Joseph, born May 22, 1857. The only ones now living are George W. Cline and James K. Cline. The senior James Cline was one of the founders and early supporters of the Dunkard church in Huntington county, and his son George has for many years been prominent in the same denomination, and is one of the deacons of the society.

James K. Cline has seldom gone outside of Huntington county. Here he has found an ample scope for his energies, and has pursued the quiet vocations of farming, nearly all his life. With an education supplied by the district schools in Rock Creek township, during the winter months, he trained his muscles on the farm in the summer, and thus continued until he was about eighteen years old. After that his father gave him steady work until he was twenty-one. Having reached his majority, he made his first independent venture, going in debt for a farm and paying nine per cent interest on his obligation. Some years later he sold out, and had some money to show for his work. His second enterprise was the purchase of ninety acres, most of it in the timber, and he undertook and successfully carried out the heavy task of clearing it off and putting it in cultivation. Having made a farmstead out of the land he sold it at a profit, and then bought another tract, this time ninety-four acres, and practically all covered with heavy woods. He got possession of the land on April 1st, and in the same season cleared twenty-five acres and put it in corn. Besides attending to his crops, he built a fence on two sides of a field of forty acres. That performance indicates better than anything else the quality of enterprise and energy which were characteristic of Mr. Cline. In this manner he has bought and improved and sold several farms in Huntington county, and has never been afraid to go in debt, and assume obligations to be met in the future. At the same time men have never failed to extend to James K. Cline an ample credit, since they recognize his integrity of purpose, and his splendid energy in carrying out all he undertakes. At the present time Mr. Cline owns a splendid farm of one hundred and thirty acres, most of which is in Union township. For a number of years he has had his home in Markle, and is now living largely retired.

In 1871, occurred his first marriage when Emma C. Randall became his wife. She was born in Rock Creek township, was educated in the public schools, and for a time was a teacher. She died November 22, 1879, and of her three children, the only one now living is Elsie, the wife of R. C. McDuffey. Mrs. McDuffey has two children, as follows: Paul, a graduate of the high school, and now assistant cashier in the Farmers and Traders Bank at Markle; Ruth, who is a graduate of the Markle high school and lives at home. For his second wife, Mr. Cline married Mary (Zink) Haffeley. By her previous marriage she had four Haffeley children: Charley (deceased), Clarence, Harry and Hattie, the daugh-

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ter becoming the wife of Mr. Reed. Mr. Cline is one of the leading members in the Church of the Brethren, and in politics is a Democrat, but has seldom been a partisan.

HERBERT B. SPENCER. The Spencer family since its establishment in Huntington county more than seventy years ago has enjoyed a prominence due not only to its pioneer settlement, but also to the useful and exceptional service of its members in the professions and in civic and business affairs. The late Maurice L. Spencer was for many years regarded as the peer of any lawyer in the Huntington county bar, and his son Herbert B. Spencer has also been a lawyer in the county since his university career and many of the important cases tried in the local courts have known him as counsel on one side or the other.

Herbert B. Spencer was born February 18, 1879, at Huntington City, a son of Maurice L. and Blanche M. Brookover Spencer. The family is of English extraction and of Quaker stock, settling in Pennsylvania in 1689, and later moving to Hartford county, Maryland. The early ancestors participated as soldiers on the American side during the Revolutionary war, and Herbert B. Spencer on that account has membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. In 1837 one branch of the family moved to Wayne county, Indiana, the center of the Quaker settlement in this state, and in 1844 grandfather Spencer established his home in the wilderness of Huntington county. Maurice L. Spencer was born in Wayne county March 6, 1843, grew up in Huntington county, and practiced law with success and distinction in the bar from 1878 until his death on June 25, 1907. During his early manhood he served as a soldier of the Civil war, and was at one time superintendent of schools at Huntington. He was long prominent in republican politics. The late Mr. Spencer acquired ownership of large tracts of land in Clear Creek township, and some of that land is still owned by his heirs. Maurice L. Spencer first married Almira Best, whose people had settled in Clear Creek township of Huntington county in 1838. She died October 15, 1873, without children. On March 5, 1878, he married Blanche M. Brookover, a daughter of George W. Brookover, an early and wealthy pioneer of Warren township. To this union were born three children: Herbert B.; Edith M. Malott, whose husband is at present district attorney of the Moro Province in the Philippine Islands; and William P. who is a Clear Creek township farmer.

Herbert B. Spencer after finishing his education in the local public schools entered the Indiana State University, and for several years was engaged in business. During the Spanish-American war he was second lieutenant of Company K in the One Hundred and Sixtieth Indiana Regiment of Volunteers. Following his military experience he entered the law department of the University of Indianapolis, and since graduating and his admission to the bar has been in active practice at Huntington, with an office at 200 N. Jefferson street. He enjoys

a large clientele, and is a member of the Huntington County and State Bar associations, and is the owner of a large amount of farm land in Huntington county. Though a Republican in politics, he has never sought any political preferment. Mr. Spencer affiliates with Lodge No. 54, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Lima, Ohio Lodge No. 370 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in the same city, and is past chancellor of the local lodge No. 93 of the Knights of Pythias and also belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men. His church home is the Presbyterian.

On March 21, 1898, Mr. Spencer married Miss Chloe B. Lininger, a native of Huntington county and the daughter of Joseph C. Lininger, a retired resident. They are the parents of three children: Herbert D., Mary V. and Elizabeth.

George W. Cline. One of the citizens of Huntington county who began their career in log-cabin homes, labored with courage and industry to develop a wilderness of forest into a broad landscape of farms, and have subsequently reaped the rewards of such diligence in ample material prosperity, is George W. Cline, of Rock Creek township. Mr. Cline is one of the few remaining pioneers of Huntington county. His recollection goes back to the decade of the forties, and few men have a greater interest in or better appreciation of old-time conditions than this honored citizen and former county commissioner. The Cline family for more than seventy years has been very prominent in the welfare and upbuilding of Huntington county, and George W. Cline has been one of its ablest representatives.

His birth occurred in Preble county, Ohio, January 1, 1839, New Year's day, but in the same year he was brought to Huntington county. His father was the fine old pioneer settler and miller, James Cline, who was born in Virginia. James Cline married Anna Shively, who was a native of Stark county. They were married in Preble county, and during the year 1839 came to Indiana and located in Rock Creek township. Their trip to Indiana was made in the regular pioneer style, with wagons drawn by ox teams, and there was a large family party, consisting of seven men, all of them brothers-in-law, with their respective families. All of them located in Huntington county, and James Cline found a location one mile north and a half mile east of Rock Creek Center, on a farm now owned by Sam DeHaven. The other brothers-in-law were: Daniel Shively, who located at Andrews; Jacob Shively, of Rock Creek township; Samuel Wolf, of Rockford township; Gideon Lautis, of Rock Creek; John Detrow, of Union township, and Henry Wintrode, of Andrews.

James Cline was a miller by trade, having acquired that art before he left Ohio. It was as a miller that he performed his most important service in the little community of Rock Creek township, and operated the first grist mill established in that vicinity. That was a very interesting institution and is well remembered by Mr. George W. Cline, who has given some facts concerning it which will be of interest in this publica-

tion. The old mill stood near Markle, on the banks of Rock Creek, near where that stream empties into the Wabash River. The power was first used to turn a sawmill, but in the following year machinery for grinding was installed, and after that it supplied the neighborhood with its cornmeal and flour. James Cline was the first to take charge of the machinery when it became a grist mill. Its equipment was of a very rude sort, as compared with our modern roller mills. For the grinding there was one run of burrs. The feature which is specially recalled by Mr. Cline is the volting reel, by which the wheat, corn or buckwheat, after passing through the stones, was separated so that the edible portion of the grain went in one direction and the bran and chaff in another. This volting reel was placed at such an angle that it moved along at just the speed to sift the flour into a large shed, while the bran found its way to the other end of the reel and was thrown off. In the same connection Mr. Cline recalls some of the old clay ovens, which played a prominent part in household economics in pioneer times. All the bread was baked in such an oven, and this cooking was carried on out of doors. Enough bread was baked at one time to last the family all week. Mr. Cline recalls the taste of that bread, and says it was superior to anything he has eaten since.

James Cline lived in Rock Creek township for many years, and on his first farm until after the war in 1865, when he transferred his location to another place in the same township. There he had his home until his death, and the second farm is now owned by James Gossert. James Cline had four sons and four daughters, and the only ones now living are James K. and George W.

Mr. George W. Cline grew up in the midst of the woods, and in his early boyhood, when not employed at work or in school, he found many opportunities for play and instructive diversion about the old mill, which has been described in fishing and other sports along Rock Creek and the Wabash River, and there are many boys who might well envy him this opportunity of pleasure back in the forties. Prominent in his recollection is the old log school house which he attended. He also has distinct remembrance of his teacher, Thomas O'Thy, an Irishman and a very competent scholar and teacher. However, he had to endure the persecutions practiced by the boy scholars of that time. At Christmas the boys locked the teacher out of the building, in order to make him treat, and on his continued refusal to accede to their demands, they took him to the river and ducked him. In one sense the demand of the scholars was very moderate, since they asked that the treat consist of turnips, since candy was a very scarce article at that time. The Irishman accepted the treatment with the best grace possible, but brought suit against the boys and their parents, and the late Hon. James R. Slack, who was judge at the time, fined the boys a dollar each and cost, and that ended the matter, after which the schoolmaster went on and finished his term. Mr. Cline was one of the pupils in the school at the time of that occurrence, and continued to attend one of the old-fashioned schools such as are described in pioneer history until he was about eighteen years old.

He then started out for himself, buying his time from his father, and found work on farms, and by close economy had some capital when he reached his majority. Several years were spent in renting, and in his first year as a renter he bought a team and planted ten acres to corn, which he sold for $100. Finally he took a lease on a farm in Lancaster township, cleared up a large part of the land, and by raising hogs and other stock made a good deal of money, which was the basis of his subsequent substantial fortune. Later he continued as a renter in Salamonie, and about 1866 made his first independent purchase of eighty acres in Rock Creek township. He assumed some obligations with that land, and finally paid them all and owned it clear. After living there for five years, he sold and bought one hundred and four acres in the same township, and continued a resident there for fifteen years. Since then his story of effort has been one consecutive progress to greater prosperity, and there are few men in the whole section of the county who have exercised better business judgment in their investments and have prosecuted their enterprises with better average of success than George W. Cline.

Mr. Cline married Julia Randall. She became the mother of three children, one of whom died in childhood, and the other two are: Jesse D. Cline, the farmer, who lives on a place at the edge of Markle; Anna M., the wife of Jack Vachon. The mother of these children died in June, 1889. In 1893 Mr. Cline married the widow of Joseph Shively, but she has since met death by an unfortunate accident.

Mr. Cline is one of the leading members of the Dunkard church in this county, and his father was practically a founder of that denomination in Huntington county. Both father and son have served as deacons in the church from its earliest years. In politics Mr. Cline has always supported the Democratic party, and on that ticket was elected a member of the board of county commissioners. His administration was a credit to his party and an honor to himself. While building up an excellent competence for himself, Mr. Cline has always been liberal in assisting his children to homes and independence for themselves.

Abraham May. There is much inspiration here of Abraham May for younger men. At the present time he is probably more closely associated with business affairs at Markle than any other one individual. In every sense of the word he is a successful man, yet in his youth he had all the handicaps which could possibly be set to clog the efforts of a man except physical incapacity.

Born in Union township of Huntington county, August 27, 1854, a son of M. S. and Catherine (Davis) May, when he was three years of age he lost his father, and in the following year lost his mother. An orphan he was taken into the home of the maternal grandfather, A. A. Davis, and as soon as he was old enough had to hustle for his own living. During the winters he was permitted to go to school, but all the open months of the year were spent in such duties as his strength could perform, and in that way he earned his clothes and keep. In that way he

continued and arrived at his majority without any visible accumulation of capital. About that time his only sister died, and he assumed the debt for her funeral expenses, and his affection for his parents and his sister led him to devote a portion of his early earnings to pay for a suitable monument over their graves. In eighteen months' time after reaching his majority he had satisfied all these debts, and had four hundred dollars besides. With that capital he bought a small farm, but owing to a defective title lost the whole investment. That was a backset, which would have discouraged many a man of less determined character. Undaunted, he took employment with the Wilkerson Lumber Company as general manager, was with that firm four years at Markle, and when the firm sold out he went as timber buyer for F. F. Fee four years in Markle and one year in Ohio. With this experience, which gave him a thorough knowledge of the lumber trade, Mr. May then engaged in business with W. H. Bassett as partner for two years. He next bought a two-thirds share of the business at Uniondale in Wells county, in the Ditzler sawmill. The plant was moved to Markle, and was conducted under the firm name of Ditzler & May Lumber Company. George C. Ditzler, Mr. May and E. E. Youse were the constitutent members of the firm. It was operated as a flourishing business for seven years, at the end of which time Mr. Ditzler retired, and it continued under the title of May & Youse Lumber Company, and that firm is still in existence, and a very prosperous concern.

In the meantime Mr. May's interests had broadened out and he had become connected with several other important enterprises. In 1911 with Mr. Ditzler he bought the Briant mill at Huntington. That is a growing concern, and is successfully operated by the Ditzler-May Lumber Company. Mr. May is also interested in the Markle Stone and Lime Company, his connection with this concern dating back to 1908. He and six others were the incorporators of the concern, of which Mr. May is president and S. Lesh, secretary. The directors are: A. May, S. Lesh, Frank J. Harvey, J. J. Harvey, E. E. Youse, D. Lesh, Dan W. Lesh, U. S. Lesh, Eben Lesh, and A. J. Slaine. The business is a paying institution, and some of the best known men in this part of the county are behind it.

Mr. May married Miss Laura C. Hill, a daughter of Henry and Nancy (Richards) Hill. Mrs. May was born in Fairfield, Ohio, and when a girl came with her parents to Rock Creek township in Huntington county. To their marriage has been born one daughter, Lillie May, who is now Mrs. E. E. Youse. Mr. and Mrs. Youse have two children: Harry D. Youse, a student in the Markle high school; and Hildreth M., also in the public schools of Markle.

Mr. May is a member and one of the trustees of the Methodist church of Markle, and is one of the leading Methodists of Huntington county, having served as a lay delegate in the Baltimore General Council in 1908. Fraternally he has membership in the Markle Lodge No. 423 of the Knights of Pythias, in which he is a past chancellor. In politics a republican, he has done much to promote party success. Mr. May is one of the trustees of the home for old people at Warren, Indiana.

JAMES B. DUMBAULD. When Mr. Dumbauld married and started a home of his own, he had saved as a result of careful economy and hard work through several years the sum of five hundred dollars. This was invested in a small piece of land, and as succeeding years added to his responsibility as the head of a family, his diligence and management also increased his material resources, and he eventually acquired a fine farm in Union township. Mr. Dumbauld still owns that farm, but for the past ten years has been identified with the business community of Markle, where he is proprietor of a first-class livery establishment.

Perry county, Ohio, is the birthplace of James B. Dumbauld, where he was born May 10, 1857, a son of Samuel and Salome (Wymer) Dumbauld. When he was five months old his parents came to Union township in Huntington county, and thus practically all his life has been spent in this part of Indiana. As soon as he was old enough he was sent to district schools during the winter term, and developed his muscles on the home farm in the summer season. That was the manner of his life until he was fifteen, and in the meantime when eleven years old he had lost his father. This threw a heavy responsibility upon the mother and her children, and he lived at the home and managed to farm for her until he was of age. Among his early experiences, and efforts to get a start, he was employed at monthly wages by his brother, Warren, eighteen months, and saved practically all his money.

In October, 1880, Mr. Dumbauld married Miss Malinda Brubaker, a daughter of John and Nancy Brubaker of Rock Creek township. When she was a small child she lost both her parents, and was reared as an orphan, and managed to get an education in the district schools of Rock Creek. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Dumbauld continued as renters for a couple of years, but in the meantime he had invested his five hundred dollars of capital in forty acres of land. They took possession of that place after two years, and with that as a nucleus began the task of building up a fortune. Mr. Dumbauld gradually added to his estate until he is now owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land in section 28 of Union township, located on the Prairie Gravel Road. This farm is one of the best in that neighborhood, and is situated six and a half miles from Huntington and four and a half miles from Markle. The entire place represents the many years of labor and self-denial of himself and his good wife. On November 17, 1903, Mr. Dumbauld bought a livery barn in Markle, and in December of the same year moved his family to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Dumbauld have five living children: Minnie, who is unmarried and lives with her father; Charles, who married Katie Miller, and has two children; Salome, a graduate of the Markle high school, and a clerk in the store of W. P. Bender; Ernest, attending high school; and Fern, also in high school. The family worship in the Lutheran church at Markle, and Mr. Dumbauld is affiliated with Markle Lodge No. 423 of the Knights of Pythias. For some years he has been one of the local leaders in the Democratic party, and has directed his interests both to county politics and to municipal affairs.

OMER SUMMERS. One of the highly esteemed citizens and prosperous agriculturists of Rock Creek township is Omer Summers, proprietor of the West Fairview Farm, where he resides, and the White Gables Farm, a tract adjoining consisting of 180 acres. Mr. Summers has devoted his entire career to the tilling of the soil, and has won success as a farmer through steady application and earnest effort. He has the distinction of being a native son of Huntington county, having been born in Union township, on a farm, April 13, 1868, and is a son of Golven and Sarah (Tressler) Summers.

The seventh child of his parents, Omer Summers was reared on the old home place and was trained to agricultural pursuits in the summer months while attending the district schools in the winters. He completed the common school course, and in 1887, at the age of nineteen years, took and passed an examination for the position of teacher. Upon receiving his certificate he began to teach in the schools of Huntington township, but after one year found that the confinement of the schoolroom did not agree with him, and accordingly he returned to farming on his father's land. On August 16, 1890, Mr. Summers was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Armstrong, who was born in Huntington county, Indiana, daughter of Fred P. and Angeline Armstrong, of Union township. She was reared in that township and received a good common school education, which was supplemented by attendance at Roanoke Classical College. After his marriage Mr. Summers settled on a farm of 100 acres, located in Rock Creek township, and there continued to carry on operations for five years, and then, in the fall of the year 1896 moved to West Fairview Farm, which has continued to be his home. Mr. Summers is accounted one of the progressive and enterprising farmers of his community, and has always been known as a breeder of high grade stock, making a specialty of Angus cattle. He uses modern methods and appliances in his work, gets good results from his land by reason of intelligent cultivation of the soil, and takes a pride in making his property one of the finest in the township. He has been very active in the farmers' institutes, has served during the past eight years as president of the Huntington County Farmers' Institute, and, with other prominent agriculturists, was active in securing the short course in 1910. With his family he attends the Baptist church, and during the past thirteen years has served a deacon of the White church. Mr. Summers is a democrat politically and has served in county, congressional and state conventions, and on one occasion was his party's candidate for representative of his district, but met with defeat because of political conditions at the time. Mr. Summers has one of the finest country residences in the county. This home, built in 1911, of quartered oak all taken from the farm, has sixteen rooms and is fitted with every modern convenience.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Summers: C. W., a graduate of the Rock Creek High school, was a student at Valparaiso, and the Marion Normal College, married Opal Meyer, a daughter of Charles W. Meyer; and Muriel A., a graduate of the Rock Creek High

school and now a student in the Bradley Polytechnic College, at Peoria, Illinois, where she is taking a course in domestic science.

Samuel W. Rarick. The proprietor of the Cloverdale Farm, in Rock Creek township, is a man so well known in Huntington county as to require no introduction. A successful farmer, he combines the practical experience of the old time agriculturist with the knowledge and science of the twentieth century, and in every way has been a progressive worker for the improvement of country life conditions and the increase of soil production in his part of the state. Mr. Rarick is prominent in civic and several movements of a public nature, and is devoted to the work of his church.

Samuel W. Rarick was born in Perry county, Ohio, October 7, 1852, a son of John and Anna M. (Cupp) Rarick. The parents were likewise natives of Perry county, Ohio, where they were reared, educated and married. In the fall of 1864 they brought their little family to Huntington county, Indiana, locating on the Wild Cat Reserve, near the forks of Rock Creek. That was the vicinity in which they spent the rest of their lives, and the father passed away in 1910 and the mother in 1890. Of their eight children four are still living: S. W. Rarick; Theophilus Rarick; Sarah, wife of Emmet Cheesam, of Markle, and John H. Rarick, also of Markle.

Samuel W. Rarick was between twelve and thirteen years of age when the family came to Huntington, Indiana. He had previously attended school in Ohio, and after coming to Rock Creek township had opportunities in an educational way to only a very limited extent. He remained at home with his father, and with his grandfather for several years, and at the time of his marriage in 1875 he had only a horse and saddle in property or capital. His wife, who thus began with him in the career of making a home and winning a comfortable competence, was Cornelia Taggart. She was born in Perry county, Ohio, and she likewise received somewhat limited educational advantages. After the death of his grandfather, Mr. Rarick bought two-thirds of the farm of one hundred and seventy-three acres which had comprised the old homestead, and has since been steadily prosperous and improving his farm. He has a comfortable brick house which was erected in 1896, and a large frame barn was built in 1911. Mr. Rarick is an active worker in the Farmers' Institute. He has taken courses in agriculture at the Purdue University, and when his striking success as a producer of crops and manager of farming resources was referred to, he credited most of his success in that line to the help he has had from the university and from the fund of experience and knowledge which his ready mind has been able to draw from in associations with other farmers and by the reading of books and pamphlets and by regular attendance at lectures. However, Mr. Rarick is no "book farmer," and he constantly tests every new theory by the rule of practical efficiency. Mr. Rarick is the original alfalfa grower in this part of Huntington county, and has made the cultivation of this typically western crop very profitable in his farm

operations. Among other business interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers & Traders Bank of Markle.

Mr. and Mrs. Rarick have one living child, Dr. J. E. Rarick, a practicing physician at Wolcottville, Indiana. He was born on the old farm in Rock Creek township, was educated in the Markle public schools and the high school, graduated from the former at the age of thirteen and the latter at seventeen, studied at Heidelberg College, at Tiffin, Ohio, for two and a half years, and from there entered Fort Wayne Medical College, where he was graduated M. D. Dr. Rarick married Mabel Webb of Chicago.

Mr. Rarick takes much part in civic and fraternal affairs. He affiliates with Markle Lodge, No. 423, of the Knights of Pythias, and is a past chancellor and member of the Grand Lodge. He took probably the leading part of the organization of the Sparks Cemetery Association, which is incorporated under the laws of Indiana, and fifteen hundred dollars has been raised to endow the association and enable it to keep up its grounds. Mr. Rarick is president of the association, Will Wilt is vice president, and Elmer Levell is secretary and treasurer. Mr. Rarick is also a stockholder in the Majenica Telephone Company. In politics he is a prohibitionist.

For the past thirty-two years Mr. Rarick has been one of the most influential members of the Emanuel Church in Rock Creek township of Wells county, and has served in the capacity of deacon and elder, and is secretary of the joint consistory of the Emanuels at Bluffton. He has contributed liberally both of time and money to the church. Mr. Rarick is known as a man of mature judgment, and when he once embarks upon any enterprise other people have confidence in the success of that undertaking, largely owing to his individual efficiency and their knowledge that he never goes into anything without a determination to carry it out in a satisfactory manner.

Charles H. Rudig. Among the progressive farming men who have added to the wealth of Huntington county and made worthy names for themselves in the carrying on of the projects to which they were devoted, Charles H. Rudig is reckoned among the foremost. He has long been a resident of Warren township, and his fine place there is widely known as Hill View Farm, lying three-quarters of a mile south of Bippus. It is a farm of one hundred acres, which though not a large farm, is ample to his needs and is sufficiently extensive to require his whole attention in its management. Mr. Rudig was born in Dallas township, this county, on June 13, 1868, and is a son of Jacob P. Rudig, Jr., and his wife, Elizabeth (Biehl) Rudig.

Jacob Rudig, Jr., was born in Stark county, Ohio, as was also his wife. They came to Huntington county, Indiana, while young, even prior to their marriage, that event having been solemnized in Dallas township on May 7, 1867. They made their home in Dallas township until 1901, in which year they came to Andrews, and there they passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Rudig were the parents of five children. Charles

H., the subject of this review, is the eldest of the family. William E., the second born, is a resident of Dallas township; Matilda is the wife of George Hanselman of Dallas; Malinda is unmarried and lives in Andrews; Martha is the wife of Charles A. Spencer and resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Charles H. Rudig had his training in like manner with that of the boys of his time, and the farm added much to his practical education. He attended the country schools up to the age of eighteen, and as a boy was confirmed in the German Evangelical church, of which his parents were members. He was twenty-six years of age when he married Lena Burkart of Chester township, their marriage taking place on November 2, 1893. She was a native daughter of Wabash county and was there reared and educated, coming in young womanhood to Huntington county. To them one child has been born, Inez M., who was born on September 13, 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudig have a place in their community of which they are in every way worthy. They have lived industrious and energetic lives, and their worldly fortunes have advanced in pleasing measure since they were united in marriage, for at that time all Mr. Rudig's possessions were comprised in a hundred dollars in cash and a horse and buggy. Today he has one of the fine and productive farms in the township and is making steady progress in material advancement. He and his wife are members of the German Evangelical church of Bippus, and have a share in the general activities of the church and congregation.

A democrat in his politics, Mr. Rudig has always been constant to the interests of the party, along general lines, though he has not permitted party interests to interfere with his activities in local politics. In 1908 he was elected assessor of Warren township, an office which he still holds. Mr. Rudig has always been popular with the citizens of his community, and has taken a worthy part in the political and business activities of the town where he has so long resided.

Mathias Schilling. Any mention of agricultural enterprise in Warren township would be incomplete without reference to Mathias Schilling, proprietor of the Beaver Dam Farm, located on the northwest quarter of section 33 in that township. Mr. Schilling's homestead is one mile west and one mile south of Bippus. It comprises one hundred acres of highly improved land, well arranged and developed for purposes of general farming and stock raising. In addition to this Mr. Schilling owns eighty acres in Chester township of Wabash county, a mile west and half a mile south of Bippus.

It was on this old farm in Wabash county that Mr. Schilling was born October 25, 1862. He is a son of John and Catherine (Wagner) Schilling, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to America alone when a young man, and later married a widow. They became the parents of three children: Susan, now deceased; Louise, widow of John Stuart, and her home is in Chicago; and Mathias.

It was in Chester township of Wabash county that Mathias Schilling

grew up to manhood. As a boy he had opportunities to attend the public schools during the winter time, but his services were for the greater part of the year required on the farm. In that way he spent the early years of boyhood, but at the age of eleven, consequent upon the death of his father, had to assume important responsibilities in managing the farm, and eventually practically managed the entire estate in the interest of his mother and brothers and sisters. When he was eighteen years old he bought forty acres adjoining the original home, and that made the eighty acres which comprise his present place in Wabash county.

On November 19, 1890, Mr. Schilling married Ida Leonhardt. She was the daughter of Emery Leonhardt and was reared in Warren township. To their marriage have been born eight children, as follows: Mabel, a graduate of the common schools and unmarried; Howard J., a graduate of the common and the high schools; Clarence; Hattie, a graduate of the common schools and now a student in the high school; Ervin, Martha, Emery, Palma, all at home and quite young.

The family are members of the Evangelical church of Bippus. Mr. Schilling is a class leader, a trustee, has served twelve years as superintendent of the Sunday school, and is one of the most active and liberal supporters of the church organization. Besides his farm, he is the owner of a house and lot in the village of Bippus. He was one of the original stockholders in the Bippus State Bank. In politics Mr. Schilling is a republican. In agricultural activities he has made a special reputation as a breeder of first class stock. It has been his experience that farming on high class and high priced Indiana soil pays best in connection with the very finest of live stock and by the use of the best methods and the best of tools and all facilities. Practicing these rules, he has been more than ordinarily successful. Of his stock mention should be made of his Duroc hogs, Holstein cattle and shorthorn cattle, and all his stock is of the very best and headed by some thoroughbreds.

Martin L. Vickery: Another of Indiana's native sons who have contributed in generous measure to the agricultural advancement of the state, and more particularly of the community wherein they have lived, may be mentioned Martin L. Vickery, a representative citizen of Warren township and the prosperous proprietor of Brackenridge Farm, adjoining the village of Bracken and about three miles north of Bippus. Here he has labored for about fifteen years and his activities have been well rewarded in the material things of life.

Martin L. Vickery was born in Henry county, Indiana, in October, 1857, and he is the son of Isaiah and Mary W. (Fletcher) Vickery. They, too, were natives of the Hoosier state, the father born in Rush and the mother in Henry county. Isaiah Vickery was the son of Martin Vickery, a man of North Carolina birth and ancestry, who came to Indiana in young life and settled in Henry county, where he passed the remainder of his life. He met and married his wife in Henry county, after which they came to live in Huntington county, and later moved to Wabash county, where they ended their days. To Isaiah and Mary

(Fletcher) Vickery eight children were born, six of whom are yet living.

Martin L. Vickery was reared on Henry and Wabash county farms and had his educational training, which was none too extensive, in the common schools of his home communities and in the Spiceland Academy. He was by nature a farming man and he had no desire to do other than to follow in the footsteps of his forbears in the choosing of an enterprise. His success has been worthy of him, indeed, and he is today reckoned among the foremost and substantial agricultural men of the township and county.

On December 1, 1883, Mr. Vickery married Ellen Havenridge, a native of Putnam county, Indiana. They became the parents of eight children, and the mother died in 1905. She was a lifelong member of the Quaker church, having been a birthright member, as is also Mr. Vickery. In 1911 Mr. Vickery married Lillian D. Saylors, the widow of Anderson Saylors, of Wabash county.

Mr. Vickery is fraternally identified with the Odd Fellows, having membership in Lodge No. 640, and he is a Democrat as to politics. He served four years as assessor of Warren township, and has demonstrated his citizenship as the incumbent of other offices of more or less import in the community. He was appointed administrator of the Mary A. Brockover estate, consisting of five hundred acres of land in Warren township, of which he has complete control. In business circles he is known as a stockholder in the Bippus State Bank, and he is identified in the town as one of the successful and prosperous men of the township. The family have many sincere and warm friends in and about the town, and the sons and daughters of Mr. Vickery are taking their places among the useful and progressive citizenship of the county.

Henry Altman. Among those men who constitute the pioneer citizenship of Warren township none is more deserving of mention than is Henry Altman, who has been a resident of the community since 1839, coming here with his parents as an infant one year of age. His entire life has been devoted to agricultural activities in this community and he is the owner of a fine farm of eighty acres of land just a mile north of the town of Bippus. His life has been a quiet and eventful one, and a brief account of it, with some slight mention of his parents and their part in the early life of the community is eminently fitting in a work of the character and purpose of this one.

Henry Altman was born on July 25, 1838, in Stark county, Ohio, and is the son of John and Mahala (Cooper) Altman, both of whom were natives of Stark county, and there were reared, there educated and there wedded. John Altman was a son of Henry Altman, who with his wife came to America direct from Ireland.

John Altman came to Indiana from Stark county, Ohio, in September of 1839, and located in Warren township, of Huntington county. His was the fifth family to settle in the township, then in a totally undeveloped and uninviting state of wilderness, and he settled in Section 14. In the spring of that year Mr. Altman had come out alone, cleared a

spot for a cabin and built thereon a small log house, to which in September following he brought his little family. Here he spent the remainder of his life, and to the day of his death he was busy with the Herculean task of reclaiming that bit of wilderness, which in time came to be a productive and comfortable farm.

Mr. Altman is a leading citizen of the community, even as his son is now. He was long trustee of the township, and for seventeen years he served in the office of justice of the peace. He was the father of sixteen children, of which number eight are living at this writing.

Henry Altman was the oldest of the family and was born in Ohio just a year before the family migration to Huntington county. He was reared in the community that has since been his home, and attended school when he might, though it may be said that the advantages he received as an American boy were exceedingly slight and wholly inadequate to the capacity and demands of the mind of the alert and aggressive youth.

Mr. Altman married Elizabeth Krider, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, in August, 1849, and they became the parents of a large family, numbering nineteen children. Eleven of the number survive at this time (1914) and are named as follows: John, Harvey, George, Daniel, David, Henry, Betty, Mahala, Barbara, Jane and Orpha.

Twenty-five grandchildren delight the advancing years of these fine old people, and they may well be said to have added much to the life of their community in the lives of their children and their grandchildren, as well as in their own upstanding and worthy careers.

Mr. and Mrs. Altman are members of the German Baptist church, and have long been devout Christian workers therein. They are quiet and simple people, who have lived near to nature and who have won and retained through long years the esteem and kindly regard of all who came within the sphere of their influence.

Mr. Altman owns today the farm he acquired as a youth of twenty-two years, and he has passed his life upon it since then. When he first came to Huntington county the record is that there were but two frame buildings in the county. One of them, an old "tavern," stood near where the library now is located, Dr. Tate's buildings being the others.

In his farming activities Mr. Altman has for a good many years been devoted to the care and nurture of bees, and now has forty-one stands of them. It is a subject on which he is well informed, for he has made of it a close and careful study during the sixty years of his farming operations, and it is said that some of the finest honey ever produced in the state has come from his apiary.

Marvin O. Gibler. The farm of Marvin O. Gibler in Warren township is undeniably one of the fine places of the community, and is a credit to its proprietor and owner as well as to the town. Walnut Ridge Farm, as it is very properly called, is one of the productive and well kept places hereabouts, and it is known for its productions in fine Jersey-Duroc hogs and Holstein cattle, to both of which Mr. Gibler has devoted

a good bit of attention in recent years. Mr. Gibler's place is located in Sections 8, 9 and 10 of Warren township, and lies two miles north of the town of Bippus and ten miles northwest of Huntington, so that he is provided with a ready market at his hand at all times.

Clear Creek township, Huntington county, was the birthplace of Marvin O. Gibler, and his natal day was March 31, 1873. He is a son of Elias and Delilah (Shanks) Gibler, the father and mother also having been born in Clear Creek township. The family is one that was for a good many generations located in Pennsylvania, and the paternal grandsire of Mr. Gibler of this review came to Indiana from his native state in young manhood, continuing as a resident of Clear Creek township until two years prior to his passing, dying in South Whitely, Indiana. His wife lived to the age of ninety.

Elias Gibler had one son,—Marvin O. of this review, and he was reared in Clear Creek township on what was known as the old Alex Gibler farm. He attended the common schools of the community as a boy, and when he quitted his studies there he turned his whole attention to farming. He was married at the early age of nineteen years, Sarah Rose being united in marriage with him on October 15, 1892. She was a native of Warren township and a daughter of William and Rebecca Rose, and was reared in the community of her birth, there attending the schools that were provided. For a time after their marriage they lived in Clear Creek township, coming to Warren township in 1902 and here purchasing the Thomas Bolinger farm. Mr. Gibler has made many improvements in the place since it came into his possession, building a fine barn in 1911 and remodeling the house in 1912, so that it is now one of the comfortable and commodious farm dwellings in the township.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gibler. Mabel is a graduate of the Bippus high school and is now living at home. Walter is attending the Bippus high school, and Lucile is yet a student in the graded schools of the town. The family are members of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and Mr. Gibler is a Republican, though not an active worker in the field of politics. He is a man of many excellent traits of character and has a splendid standing with his fellow men.

Matthias S. Myers. Closely identified with the agricultural interests of Huntington county, Matthias S. Myers is profitably engaged in general farming in Jefferson township. Mr. Myers is widely known as proprietor of the Avondale Farm, which with its improvements, its excellent management, and its regularity of production stands as one of the best examples of that agricultural district.

A native of Ohio, Matthias S. Myers was born July 24, 1841, in Fairfield county, coming on both sides of the house from thrifty German ancestry. His father, Michael Myers, was born and reared in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where his parents settled on coming from Germany to America. In 1834 he migrated with his family to Fairfield county, Ohio, where he bought land, and was afterwards diligently employed in tilling the soil until his death. He married, in Bucks county,

Wm. S. Myers. G. Maud Myers.

Pennsylvania, Rachel Kratz, who was born in that county, and died on the home farm in Fairfield county, Ohio. Eleven children were born of their marriage, six of whom were living in 1914, as follows: Emeline; Erwin C.; Matthias S.; Hannah, wife of John Hansberger; John and Albert.

Brought up on the parental farm, Matthias S. Myers attended the district school throughout the days of his boyhood and youth. Having good mental ability he was given excellent educational advantages, fitting himself for a teacher. In 1862 he came to Jefferson township in Huntington county, and for two terms taught successfully there, beginning in 1866. When ready to settle permanently in life, Mr. Myers purchased his present farm of sixty acres, which is advantageously located in the northeast quarter of Section 23, Jefferson township, being one mile north, and two miles west, of Warren on the Lewis gravel road.

Mr. Myers married January 23, 1868, Elsie Corey. Her father, Stephen Corey, a native of New York state, was married in Rush county, Indiana, to Mary Downard, who was born in Kentucky, and in 1838 they located in Grant county, Indiana, where their daughter Elsie was educated. Mrs. Elsie Myers died in 1884, while yet in the prime of life, leaving three children, namely: Lewis J. of Huntington; Lelah Elsie, formerly a school teacher, and now the wife of Henry Schwob of Clear Creek township; and Arthur C., also a school teacher, of Jefferson township, who married Mary Shideler.

Mr. Myers married for his second wife, December 24, 1885, America M. Everett, who was born in Hancock county, Indiana, and educated in the Greenfield schools and the Indiana Central Normal College at Danville. She subsequently taught school in Hancock county for seven years and in Huntington county for three years, having been eminently successful as a teacher. Her father was Harmon Everett, who was a first cousin to Edward Everett and related to Edward Everett Hale and Helen Keller. Harmon Everett's father came to Indiana in the early thirties, locating in South Bend, and, a carpenter and contractor by trade, constructed the first bridge across the St. Joseph river at South Bend. He afterwards moved to Hancock county, Indiana, where he died at the age of eighty-five years.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Myers, namely: Nellie Kate, the oldest, who was graduated from the Warren high school and has completed a course of study at the Indiana State Normal School, is teaching in the Christman school, Jefferson township; E. Everett, a graduate of the Warren high school and formerly principal of the Union Township high school, is now a student in the Indiana State Normal School; Irma Gladys, who was graduated from the Warren high school, is now teaching in the graded schools of Clear Creek township.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Warren, in which he has served as class leader for over forty years. Fraternally M. Myers is a member and past grand of Salamonia Lodge No. 392, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; a member of the

Grand Lodge, and has attended the Sovereign Grand Lodge; is a member and past chief patriarch of Warren Encampment No. 265, at Warren, Indiana, and has represented that Encampment at the Grand Encampment. Both Mr. and Mrs. Myers are members of the Rebekah Lodge at Warren. An active worker in the Republican ranks, Mr. Myers takes an intelligent interest in local and county politics, and has served as a delegate to various county conventions. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are held in the highest regard as neighbors, friends and citizens throughout the community in which they reside, their many sterling traits of character and correct moral principles winning the respect of all.

JOHN H. SELL. The sturdy German stock has many representatives in Huntington county, and John H. Sell is in the second generation of a German family, though he himself is American born and a native of the township and county in which he now has his home. Mr. Sell is a farmer, but has accumulated much property and business interests through his effective management and is proprietor of the Erie Fairview Farm, comprising one hundred and twenty acres in section twenty-eight, and adjoining the town of Bippus on the west.

Mr. Sell was born on that farm, April 14, 1870, a son of Felix and Caroline (Brodbeck) Sell. His father died in 1909, but his mother is still living. His father was a native of Germany, and his mother of Pennsylvania, both being of German stock. The father came to the United States with his parents when two years old, and the family were among the early settlers in Huntington county. Of eight children in the family seven are still living, mentioned as follows: Mary, wife of Frank Rickard; Emma, wife of Fred Spath; John H.; Ida, wife of John Voght; Clara, wife of Jacob Urschel; George, a farmer in Wabash county; Teresa, wife of Philip Schenkel.

Mr. John H. Sell grew up on the old farm in Warren township, was reared in a home of substantial comfort, though with no luxury, and went through the usual discipline of farmer boys in that vicinity, attending school during the winter, and assisting in the plowing and planting and other farm work during the summer months.

In 1893 Mr. Sell married Miss Sarah Eberhart, who was born in Wabash county, and like her husband received a common school education. After their marriage Mr. Sell was employed in a sawmill at Bippus, and then engaged in farming on his present place. He and his wife have become the parents of six children, mentioned briefly as follows: Lulu M., born September 14, 1894, and a graduate of the common schools; William E., born August 4, 1896, a graduate of the grade schools and of Bippus high school; Iva I., born February 4, 1898, now a student in high school; Harmon L., born August 11, 1900; Edward A., born February 29, 1904; Woodrow W., born July 15, 1913.

As the name of his last child would indicate, Mr. Sell is a loyal Democrat, and an enthusiastic admirer of the now incumbent president of the United States. He has served in the office of deputy assessor in Warren township, in 1910 was elected a member of the township advisory board,

and in 1914 was appointed trustee of Warren township. Mr. Sell is a director in the Bippus State Bank, and as a general farmer and stock raiser carries on a flourishing industry on his land. He and his family are members of the German Evangelical church at Bippus, and he is one of its deacons.

JACOB WETTERS is one of the farmers of Huntington county, and one whose success has been won entirely as the result of his own well directed efforts. He had very little capital when he started in life at the age of twenty-one, and his subsequent accumulations has placed him among the substantial citizens of Warren township. Mr. Wetters is owner of one of the fine farms in that township, known as the Pine Grove Farm, consisting of eighty acres and located three miles east of Bippus and six and a half miles northwest of Huntington, in section twenty-four. It is a splendidly improved farm, but Mr. Wetters also has one hundred and thirty-five acres situated in Clear Creek township. Nearly all this farm property represents his individual accumulation, since he and his wife started out more than forty years ago.

Mr. Wetters belongs to one of the older families of Huntington county. He was himself born in Wayne county, Ohio, February 5, 1842, a son of Jacob and Kingold (Howenstine) Wetters. Both parents were natives of Germany, where they were married and came to America and after some time spent in Ohio moved to Huntington county, Indiana, in the year 1842, soon after the birth of their son Jacob. They located in Warren township, and stayed there until their death. The father, who was a member of the Lutheran church, was a quiet man in his relations with the community but possessed a reputation for honesty and integrity, and was one of the original Republican voters in this township. There were seven children and six are now living, as follows: Maria, widow of Jacob Kettering, of Huntington; Jacob; William, a farmer of Warren township; Lizzie, wife of Peter Michel of Warren township; Henry of Bippus; Anna, wife of Christ Walters of Wabash county.

Jacob Wetters was reared in Warren township, and his education was supplied by the district schools of the character which could be found in this county fifty and sixty years ago. His home was with his father until he was twenty-one years of age, and as already stated he began on practically nothing.

In 1869 he married Charlotte A. Rice of Wayne county, Ohio. Mr. Wetters and wife have two living children: William F. Wetters of Clear Creek township; and John Wetters of the same township.

The family worship at the Lutheran church at Funk. In politics he is a republican, and has taken considerable part in township and county affairs.

GEORGE D. ELLIS is numbered among those who in recent years have contributed to the agricultural growth, development and importance in Huntington county, and at this time is cultivating a handsome property

in Rock Creek township. He has spent his entire life in this community and his activities have not alone placed him among the substantial farmers of the county, but have been carried on in such a straightforward manner as to gain the respect and esteem of those with whom he has been brought into contact. Mr. Ellis was born in Lancaster township, Huntington county, Indiana, April 18, 1874, and is a son of Clinton C. and Mary E. (McGovney) Ellis.

Clinton C. Ellis was born in Adams county, Ohio, and came to Huntington county, Indiana, in young manhood. He became the proprietor of a drug business at Mount Etna, and was also the owner of a handsome farm in Lancaster township. He was a man of industry and energy, and accumulated a competency through honorable dealing. Mr. Ellis passed away February 19, 1910, while the mother still survives and makes her home in Majenica. They were the parents of six children, of whom five survive: Belle, who is the wife of J. C. Kitch, of Huntington, Indiana; William L., a resident of Lancaster township; J. F., also of Lancaster township; Ella, who is deceased; George D.; and Jesse, of Huntington.

George D. Ellis was born on the old family farm in Lancaster township, and was there reared to manhood, his education being secured during the winter terms in the district schools, which he attended until reaching the age of eighteen years. He continued at home as his father's assistant until he was twenty-three years of age, and at that time, September 4, 1897, was married to Miss Sarah E. Fist, who was born and reared in Lancaster township and educated in the public schools and the Huntington high school. After their marriage they moved to Rock Creek township and settled on the farm on which they now reside, a tract of 160 acres of excellent land which has been brought to a high state of cultivation. To be recognized as a useful and constructive citizen of a community in these modern days of intelligent competition means something, and that a citizen is so brought forward is usually disclosed by investigation to mean that he possesses abilities and qualifications of a high order. Mr. Ellis is known as a progressive and energetic citizen, who has the welfare of his community at heart, and as a business man whose dealings have ever been of a strictly legitimate character. He has shown much interest in stockraising, and in this line has won a full measure of prosperity.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, namely: Edna, a graduate of the common schools and now a student in the Rock Creek Center High school; Walter, twelve years of age, and Martin, eight years old, the latter two attending the graded schools. The members of the family attend the Methodist Episcopal church at Majenica, Mr. Ellis being a member of the board of trustees thereof. He is a democrat in his political views, but has not cared to enter public life, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his agricultural activities. Diligent and persevering in all his labors, he has brought himself to a high place in the community in which he has made his home for so long, and is entitled to the respect and esteem in which he is universally held.

CHARLES W. MEYER. That Huntington county has been prominent in agriculture during recent years is due not to the labors of one man or group of men, but to the aggregate endeavor of many. Among those who have been leaders in this work and have pushed forward the wheels of progress is Charles W. Meyer, a representative agriculturist and highly esteemed citizen of Rock Creek township, who is the owner of 173 acres of land and is proud of the fact that he has accumulated all of it through the force of his own well-directed efforts. He has been a resident of his present community since 1901, and during this time has identified himself with every movement calculated to benefit his community, the welfare of which he has ever held at heart. Mr. Meyer was born in Tipton county, Indiana, on February 28, 1864, and is a son of Charles F. and Margaret (Wygant) Meyer.

Charles F. Meyer was born in Germany and as a young man emigrated to the United States, believing that in this country could be found greater opportunities for success. Here he met and married Margaret Wygant, who had come to the United States in young womanhood, and they began housekeeping in Tipton county where Mr. Meyer continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits until the time of his death in 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer were the parents of seven children, of whom six are living: Henry, who is the owner of a farm in Lancaster township; John, living at Tipton, Indiana; Matilda, who is the wife of Joseph Glass, of Elwood, Indiana; Charles W.; Emma, who is the wife of William Wymer, of Tipton county, Indiana; and William, also of Tipton county.

Charles W. Meyer was born in the family homestead in Tipton county, and grew up a farmer, his boyhood being passed much in the same manner as that of other farmers' sons of his day and vicinity. The long summer months were spent in the tasks pertaining to the operation of the home farm, and during the short winter terms the lad attended the district schools, this latter training being later supplemented by attendance at the high school. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-three years of age, at which time he began agricultural operations on his own account. He was married in 1890 to Miss Emma Schall, who was born and reared in Tipton county and educated in the common schools. In 1901 Mr. Meyer sold his farm in Tipton county and came to Huntington county, purchasing his present property of 173 acres, section 18, Rock Creek township. This he has brought up to a high state of cultivation and has improved it with numerous buildings, including the handsome country residence, built by Mr. Meyer in 1909 and finished in quarter sawed oak. He is a general farmer and is known to be progressive, enterprising and industrious, and, although a quiet, unassuming man, exerts a distinct influence for good in his community. In politics he is a democrat, but public life has held out no attractions to him, and he has been content to devote his energies to the successful tilling of his land. Fraternally, he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Warren, Indiana, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Huntington. His religious belief is that of the Lutheran church, and Mrs. Meyer is a Methodist.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have one daughter, Opal Ruth, a graduate of the public schools and now the wife of Clive W. Summers, who is assisting his father-in-law in the cultivation of the farm.

David Chamness. After a long and honorable career spent in agricultural pursuits, David Chamness is spending his declining years at his comfortable home, located one-half mile south of the city of Andrews, in Dallas township. He is a veteran of the great Civil war, and whether in war or in peace he has always shown himself an upright, loyal and useful citizen. He was born in Wayne county, Indiana, March 14, 1841, and is a son of William and Mahalia (Heaston) Chamness. His mother, a sister of Israel H. Heaston, of Huntington, Indiana, was born in Ohio, but came to Indiana as a child with her parents and grew to womanhood in Wayne county, where she met and married Mr. Chamness. Mr. Chamness was a native of North Carolina, and after his marriage removed to Wayne county, where he met an accidental death, following which she was married to Benjamin Kauffman, the father of J. H. Kauffman, of Andrews, Indiana.

David Chamness was reared by his stepfather and secured his education in the public school. He was brought up a farmer, and during the Civil war became a soldier in the Union army, enlisting July 4, 1863, in Company F, One Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, from Wabash county, which organization saw active service in several hard-fought engagements. At the expiration of his term of service, Mr. Chamness received his honorable discharge and returned to his native county, where he again engaged in tilling the soil. He has been married three times, his first two wives living but a short time after their marriage. On December 29, 1866, he married Susan Jones, who was born in Randolph county, Indiana, in 1845, and removed with her parents to Wells county in December, 1846, the family settling on a farm in Chester township. There Mrs. Chamness received her education in the public schools and resided at home until her marriage. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Chamness, of whom eight are living at this time: Alma, who became the wife of Tobias McClintock; Catherine, who is the wife of John P. Shutt, of Lancaster township, this county; John, who married Mrs. Stech; Cary, who married Ella Lantz; William, who married Mary Gehris; Mahalia, who is the wife of Charles Losson; James, who married Zelda Poulson, and resides in Wells county; and Mary E., who is the wife of George Miller, of Dallas township.

Mr. Chamness made the occupation to which he was reared his life work, and through his diligence, energy and perseverance gradually worked his way upward to prosperity. At this time he is living somewhat retired from active life, although he still owns a small farm south of Andrews. He has ever been known as a man of the utmost integrity and probity, and is held in high esteem by those who have come in contact with him. In political matters he is a republican, but he has not been an office seeker, preferring the peaceful occupation of the agriculturist to the hazardous activities of public life. He still enjoys meeting

his old comrades of the army and is a valued member of Andrews Post, No. 116, Grand Army of the Republic. With his wife and children he is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

SIMON SUMMERS. Just as there are specialists in medicine, in the law, and in business and industry, so likewise does farming lend itself to specialization and many of the most successful men have devoted themselves to some one particular branch of their vocation. It is as a specialist in the raising of fine hogs that Simon Summers is deserving of special space in a history of Huntington county. Mr. Summers has done almost equally as well as a sheep breeder and in the way of general farming has a standing among his neighbors that the Pleasant Valley Stock Farm, in Rock Creek township, is especially well known for its Poland-China hogs. Pleasant Valley farm comprises one hundred acres of land, is located in section 3 of Rock Creek township, two and a half miles west of Markle, and on the rural free delivery route No. 4 out of Huntington. It was in the summer of 1879 that Mr. Summers bought his first brood sow. From a small beginning and as a man at that time in somewhat narrow circumstances, Mr. Summers has gradually widened his scope of operations and prospered, always keeping the finest of stock and of registered pedigree. At the present time he is one of the oldest breeders of hogs in the state and has bred and sold more hogs of his own than any other Indiana citizen. Many years ago he bought a small nucleus of four pigs, and except for the necessary introduction of new blood he has raised practically all his own stock and on his own farm. Mr. Summers has held twenty-six public sales at his farm, and at this writing is preparing for the twenty-seventh annual sale. In 1908 he extended his operations by bringing in a flock of pure-blooded Shropshire sheep, having several imported ewes and two fine Shropshire rams, all bred in England. It should also be mentioned that Mr. Summers takes much interest in chicken raising and has some fancy fowl on his farm. Many of his animals have been exhibited at fairs and other stock shows, and from 1879 down to the present time he has usually been an exhibitor.

Simon Summers was born in Fayette county, Indiana, August 31, 1853, a son of Golvin and Sarah J. (Trusler) Summers. His mother is now deceased and his father, who is living in Rock Creek township, has had a long and prosperous career as a farmer in Huntington county. He and his wife started out in very modest circumstances, and eventually came to be numbered among the largest owners of land in the county. There were nine children and further details concerning this well known family will be found in the sketch of James Summers elsewhere in this work.

Simon Summers was twelve years old when the family located on a farm in Union township of Huntington county, and he was reared there and in Rock Creek township, receiving his education in the district school. He continued at home and worked for his father until he was twenty-three years of age. On December 26, 1878, occurred his marriage

with Cora B. Lawrence. When they started out they had a very small capital and went in debt for the first forty acres which they purchased in Rock Creek township. Their united enterprise soon enabled them to pay off all their obligations and afterwards they added sixty acres more and as the years have gone by no family in Rock Creek township has enjoyed more of the comforts of life and the rewards of business efforts than that of Simon Summers. Mr. and Mrs. Summers are the parents of two daughters: Leona, who was educated in the common schools and is the wife of David R. Gizer, of Wells county, and they have four children. Ethel K. is the wife of William Zimmerlee, who lives on the farm with Mr. Summers, and they are the parents of two children.

Mr. Summers has membership by virtue of his extensive operations as a stockman, in the American Shropshire Association, which has a total membership in this country of about six thousand sheep raisers. He is also a member of the Sheep Breeders and Wool Growers Association of Indiana. Mr. Summers is thoroughly posted as a raiser and breeder of hogs and sheep, and has acted in the capacity of judge of various affairs. Politically he is a democrat, but outside of his farming interests and his ready support of all movements for the welfare of his home locality he is not afflicted with any aspirations for public position.

George I. Roberts. Lying in the midst of the great oil fields of Indiana, in sections 33 and 34, Jefferson township, one mile south and five miles west of Warren, Huntington county, and two and one-half miles south of Van Buren, Grant county, is found the finely cultivated farming property belonging to George I. Roberts, a substantial citizen. Mr. Roberts belongs to a family which has resided in Huntington county since 1849, and has himself been a resident here for sixty years, having been an eye-witness to and a participant in the wonderful changes which have made this one of the most prosperous sections of the state. He has devoted his life to tilling the soil and through conscientious and well-applied effort has become one of the representative farmers of the county.

Mr. Roberts was born February 24, 1854, in Jefferson township, Huntington county, and is a son of Samuel and Mariah (Wiley) Roberts, who came to this county from Darke county, Ohio, about 1849, and located in section 23, Jefferson township, there settling in the midst of the timber. The original family home was a primitive log cabin, but this was later replaced by a brick residence, which is still standing on the old homestead. Samuel Roberts was a plain, unassuming man, an industrious worker who elected to concentrate his energies upon the tilling of his land and the making of a home, caring little for the struggles of the political arena or the activities of public life, save as they affected his immediate community. He led a peaceful, useful and uneventful life, but won and retained the confidence of his community through his industry, integrity and loyalty to friendships. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, as follows: William W., Sarah L., Nancy, George I., Linzy, Aurilla and Jasper, of whom Nancy is now deceased.

The boyhood days of George I. Roberts were passed on the homestead place, where he was trained to agricultural pursuits and his education in the meantime was secured in the district school of his community. He assisted his father to clear, ditch and improve the farm, and his services were needed so constantly that often his education was neglected, but he was a bright and ambitious lad, with a retentive mind, made the most of his opportunities, and gained a liberal share of knowledge. This has since been supplemented by reading and observation. Mr. Roberts was twenty-one years of age when he began to rent the homestead farm, and continued to remain under the parental roof until he was twenty-six. At that time he was married to Miss Mary Margaret Fraizer, a daughter of Elisha and Mary A. (Kirkpatrick) Fraizer, and the great-grandfather of Ezekiel Fraizer, who was a native of Scotland and emigrated to the United States, settling in Pennsylvania, and the history of this family may be traced back nearly to the time of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers in 1620. The family located in various parts of North Carolina and Ohio, and the grandmother, Mary (Johnson) Fraizer, finally made her home in Huntington county, Indiana. Elisha Fraizer came to Huntington county in 1841, and located on sections 33 and 34, Jefferson township, and here continued to live until his death, being one of the substantial men of his community. In 1855 he was married to Mary A. Kirkpatrick, and they became the parents of three children: Mary Margaret, who was born January 27, 1857, and is now Mrs. Roberts; William K. and George W. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have had two children: Pearl A., who is the wife of Otto Detamore, a farmer of Jefferson township; and Charles E., who married Blanche Custard. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have three grandchildren. They are consistent members of the Wesleyan Methodist church, of which Mr. Roberts is a trustee. He has steadfastly supported prohibition interests in political matters, and has ever been recognized as a useful and estimable citizen. Jefferson township has been his home for sixty years and he has witnessed its growth from its primitive state to a community of agricultural wealth and importance. His coöperation has ever been attainable in measures for the support of the public welfare.

Harvey W. Elser. As a contractor and builder, probably no Huntington business man has fulfilled a more important and valuable contract than Harvey W. Elser. Mr. Elser is still young in years, but has had a broad experience in business and in life generally, and is one of the leading men of his home city of Huntington. He represents an old Huntington county family.

Born in Clear Creek township of Huntington county, September 26, 1871, Harvey W. Elser is the third son of Eli and Charlotte (Emley) Elser. His father, who was born in Mahoning county, Ohio, in April, 1837, was reared on a farm, and some time after reaching manhood went out as a soldier of the Civil war with the Forty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and gave three years of faithful service, during which time he fought in a number of battles with the Southern army.

In one he was taken prisoner, and spent some time in the notorious prison of Andersonville, which at that time was commanded by the tyrannous and much hated Captain Worze. The mother, Charlotte Emley, was a daughter of Samuel Emley, of the pioneer family of that name in Clear Creek township. She was born in Clear Creek township, in April, 1847, and she and her husband are still living, enjoying fair health. Their children are: Clem V.; George E.; Harvey W.; Anna M., wife of Edward Snyder; and Jessie, unmarried.

Harvey W. Elser spent his youth on the home farm, and his education was acquired largely by attending the district schools, during the winter months, while in the summer and spring and early fall he performed the various tasks allotted to farmer boys. This was his mode of life until about eighteen years old, when he started out to see the world for himself, visiting different states and localities, and earning his living as he went. He took up the trade of carpenter, and his work as a journeyman gradually gave him a larger outlook in business affairs. At the beginning of the Spanish-American war, he enlisted in Company K of the One Hundred and Sixtieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Col. George W. Gunder. With his comrades he spent some time in rendezvous, was then sent to Chattanooga, Tennessee, in June, 1898, was moved to Newport News, Virginia, thence to Lexington, Kentucky; on November 6, the regiment was ordered to Columbus, Georgia. On January 12, the command was sent to Matanzas, Cuba, and after some service on the Island returned to Savannah, Georgia. Mr. Elser was in the army one year and one month and gave a faithful account of himself as a volunteer. After getting his honorable discharge he returned home, and took up work again as a carpenter. He was employed for a time by J. M. Wood, of Goshen, Indiana. Gradually he began taking contracts on his own account, and his success in this line soon led him into a large and important field of operations, in the construction of dwelling houses, churches, and other structures. For several years Mr. Elser did more business in the construction of theatres than in any other line. He has to his credit the construction of the Lyric at Cincinnati, one of the finest and most attractive show houses in the United States, and which cost two hundred and sixty thousand dollars. He also built the Star Theatre at Toronto, Canada, which is one of the most costly theatres in the Dominion of Canada. After the completion of that contract he returned to Huntington, and has since done a large local business as a carpenter and contractor. During 1913 Mr. Elser was engaged in making improvements on the First National Bank Building of Huntington, and on the Huntington County Bank, contracts which amounted to many thousand dollars.

In 1900 Mr. Elser married Miss Clara E. Mosslander, a daughter of George and Hettie (Stewart) Mosslander. They are the parents of four children: D. Young, Wilbur W., Chester A. and Elser. Mr. Elser affiliates with the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Modern Woodmen of America, and with the United Veterans of the Spanish-American war. His home in Huntington is at 1902 North Guilford street.

EDWIN E. WOOLERY. The chief despatcher of the Erie Railroad Company at Huntington has had a notable career as a railroad man, has been in the service of the Erie Company for twenty-five years, during his residence at Huntington has identified himself closely with the social and civic activities of the city.

Born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, April 24, 1870, he is a son of J. H. and Matilda (Rummel) Woolery, who were born and reared in Trumbull county, Ohio. Their parents came from Pennsylvania, and were among the early settlers of Ohio. J. H. and Matilda Woolery were married in Trumbull county, and in 1865 came to Kosciusko county, Indiana, where they have since been residents. The father made an honorable record as a soldier of the Civil war going out in 1861 when Lincoln issued his first call for seventy-five thousand troops. After the termination of his three year's enlistment, he went ont again and continued as a soldier of the Union until his honorable discharge in June, 1865.

Edwin E. Woolery acquired his early education at Spencerville, Ohio, in the grammar and high schools. When he left school in 1888 it was to find employment as a telegraph operator at Spencerville, Ohio. The road was at that time known as the Chicago & Atlantic Railway, which has since become a division of the Erie road. By close attention to his duties, and by a faithfulness of performance that has been constantly recognized and commended by his superiors, Mr. Woolery had promotions which finally brought him to his present responsible office. In 1893 he was made assistant despatcher, and on leaving Spencerville was transferred to Lima, Ohio, and from there to Huntington, Indiana. Mr. Woolery as chief despatcher has charge of the division between Hammond and Marion, a distance of two hundred and fifty miles. A number of operators are under his direction, and he has made a splendid record with practically no marks of dereliction or neglect against him.

In June, 1903, Mr. Woolery married Miss Minerva Kennedy, a native of Pennsylvania, born in the city of Harrisburg, where she was educated and remained until her marriage. There are no children. Mr. Woolery is serving his second term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Huntington City Library, in which organization he is greatly interested. He affiliates with the Masonic Fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian church. Mrs. Woolery is a member of several social organizations in Huntington, and takes much interest in their work. They have a beautiful home on Byron street, situated on an elevation which commands a good view of the surrounding neighborhood.

CHARLES J. STOUDER, a worthy representative of a sterling family, is one of the highly respected farmers and citizens of Dallas township, where he is the owner of 120 acres of land. He has always devoted himself to agriculture and has met with a gratifying degree of success in his chosen field of endeavor, and in addition to his private interests has

found time to assist materially in promoting the welfare of his community. Mr. Stouder is a native of Huntington county, having been born on a farm in Polk township, March 28, 1869, and is a son of John and Mary (Lahr) Stouder. His father, who was born in the Buckeye state, came to Indiana in young manhood and first settled in Clear Creek township, where he was married. Subsequently he moved to Polk township, and there continued to carry on farming until November, 1890, when he moved to a farm in Dallas township and lived there until his death, in November, 1913. When he embarked upon his career Mr. Stouder was in very modest circumstances, but through energy, perseverance and intelligent effort he was able to accumulate a competency, make a comfortable home for himself and family, and rear his children in a manner fitting them for honorable positions in life. He was widely and favorably known as a Mason in good standing, and was prominent also in political circles, serving as a member of the county council of Huntington county from the time the law went into effect until his death. Mr. Stouder was the father of nine children, of whom seven survive: Ida, who is the wife of Laban Allred, proprietor of the Homestead Stock Farm of Lancaster township; John A., who has a farm in Polk township; Charles J., of this review; E. C., of Polk township; Nora, who is the widow of Howard Sharp; Sadie, the wife of J. E. First; and Chester R., of Dallas township.

Charles J. Stouder was reared on the home farm in Polk township on which he had been born, and on which he helped his father while attending the district schools. Later he was a student in the normal school at Andrews, Indiana, and after one term therein passed the teacher's examination and received a license to teach. However, he has never taken advantage of this privilege. On his return to his home, he resumed farming, and continued to live on the old place in Polk township until two years after his marriage, when he purchased forty acres of land in Dallas township. This formed the nucleus for his present handsome property of 120 acres, which he has developed into one of the most valuable farms in this part of the county. He has erected good buildings and installed modern machinery and appliances, and gives the greater part of his time and attention to general farming and stockraising, although he has made wise investments in other enterprises and at this time is a director in the Farmers Trust Company of Huntington and a stockholder in the Lagro-Andrews Telephone Company. In politics he is a republican, and he is known as one of the influential men of his party in Dallas township. With his family he attends the Methodist Episcopal church, and at this time is a member of the board of trustees of Pilcher Chapel.

Mr. Stouder was married on October 2, 1892, to Miss Jennie A. Miller, who was born in Polk township, daughter of Frank Miller, an early settler of that locality.

Richard W. Redding. One of the most useful and influential citizens of Huntington county is Richard W. Redding, well known as a farmer

in Rock Creek township, a former county commissioner, and in many ways identified with the business and civic affairs of his locality.

Representing the substantial old North Carolina stock which has been prominent in this section of Indiana from the period of early settlement, Richard W. Redding was born in that state in June, 1856, a son of Thurston W. and Clarissa (Walker) Redding. The parents were natives of North Carolina, and after their marriage moved to Indiana in the fall of 1856, locating in Rock Creek township of Wells county, Indiana. The father settled there in time to get eighty-seven acres of land direct from the government, and continued to make his home in that vicinity until his death on May 30, 1898. His wife died in 1899. They were both devout Methodists, and he was a Charter Member of the Barber Mills church. The parents had a family of thirteen children, six of whom are still living. James M. is a resident of Carthage, Tennessee; Jane is the wife of Lewis Sigmond of Rock Creek township, Huntington county; Richard W. is a farmer in Huntington county; Wesley A. is a farmer in Wells county; John O. is a farmer in Rock Creek township, Huntington county; Mary is the wife of Rol Johnson, of Jennings, Indiana; Alice is the wife of Wade Hampton of Duncan, Oklahoma; Sina, now deceased, was the wife of Emanuel Boyer; Thomas died when forty-six years old; and the other four children died in early life.

Richard W. Redding was three months old when the family moved to Wells county, Indiana. His youth and boyhood were spent on a farm, and the rudiments of a common school education were supplied him from the district school. He lived at home until he was twenty-one years of age, and then started out on his own account as a renter. He did well and saved some money, and after his marriage engaged in the sawmill business at Uniondale, owning a third interest in the plant. After selling out he spent one summer in farming his father's place, and then bought a general store at Rock Creek center, Huntington county, remaining as proprietor of that establishment for nineteen years conducting a growing trade with the surrounding community and thus laying the basis of his substantial prosperity. In 1901 Mr. Redding sold out his mercantile business. Adjoining the village of Rock Creek Center, he owns two hundred and five acres in section 22, and has a finely improved country estate, with all the facilities for comfortable living, and makes his farming pay in good profits every year. Mr. Redding is also owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land in Parmer county, Texas. He is one of the stockholders in the Farmers & Traders Bank at Markle, and for two years served as vice president. The present officers of that bank are: J. W. Sale, president; R. C. McDuffy, vice president; E. B. Garber, cashier; and other directors are C. E. Boyd, R. H. Fishbaugh, and Chester West.

On July 3, 1880, Mr. Redding married Mary A. Black, who was born in Union township of Wells county in 1859, a daughter of Demos Black. Both her father and mother were natives of Ohio. She received her education in the public schools of Wells county. Two children have

been born to Mr. and Mrs. Redding: Laura M., now the wife of Orin Eversole, and living on her father's farm, is the mother of one child, William K. Eversole, ten years of age; Chester F. Redding is a graduate of the common schools and the Rock Creek high school, and is now in his second year as a student in the State University. He has taught school, and is a young man of much ability and great promise.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Redding are members of the Barber Mills Methodist Episcopal church, and he is affiliated with Markle Lodge No. 382, I. O. O. F., and Mrs. Redding is a past grand of Browns Corners Rebekah Lodge, and a member of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana. In politics he is a republican, has been active in the work of his party in Huntington county, served two years as a member of the township advisory board, and was commissioner of the county from 1905 to 1911. He was the only member of the board of commissioners, who served throughout the period of construction of the new and present courthouse of Huntington county.

Hon. Samuel E. Cook, Judge of the Huntington Circuit Court of Huntington, Indiana, was born in Clear Creek township, Huntington county, on the 30th day of September, 1860. His parents were George and Elizabeth (Beerbower) Cook, both natives of Ohio, and the father still lives. Their home for many years has been Whitley county, Indiana, near the boundary line between that and Huntington county. The father became a resident of the latter named county when a young man, and has always followed agricultural activities. The children born to him and his wife are here named as follows: Samuel E., of this review; John A., deceased; Sarah R., also deceased; she was the wife of M. J. Gerard, of South Whitley; Clement V., on the home farm; Emma, who died when quite young; and Electa J., the wife of Grant Frazee, of Muncie, Indiana.

Samuel E. Cook enjoyed the good fortune of growing to young manhood amid the bracing air and vigorous exercises incident to farm life, and being blessed with a good parentage, he early laid the foundations for a strong and vigorous character. During the winter months he attended the common schools and when about fourteen years of age began earning money for himself as a farm hand. While still in his teens he became fireman at a sawmill in the neighborhood. He early manifested a decided skill as a worker with tools, and he turned that ability to excellent account at the carpenter's trade, in which he acquired proficiency. Soon after his twenty-first year he erected several houses and barns in the neighborhood, and began taking contracts, which soon brought him to the favorable notice of the community as a mechanic of no mean skill. Meantime, he continued his studies, receiving valuable assistance therein from his mother, who had formerly been a successful teacher in this county, so that at the age of twenty-one he found himself with a license to teach in the common schools of Whitley county, where he taught for five years. He became a student in the Normal school at Ada, Ohio, where, for a limited period, he pursued the higher branches

Samuel E. Cook

of learning but he was unable to finish the full course by reason of the depleted condition of his finances.

Meanwhile Mr. Cook had decided to take up the law, and in 1886, began the study of the same at Huntington in the office of Milligan & Whitelock, where he remained for eighteen months and then entered the law department of the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, from which he was graduated with a splendid record in 1888. He paid his way while attending that institution with money earned by teaching school, and at the carpenter's trade, which he worked at as occasion would admit, still pursuing his private reading. After completing his professional preparation, he began practice in the town of South Whitley, where he remained until 1889, in the spring of that year coming to Huntington and becoming a partner with his former preceptors, Messrs. Milligan & Whitelock. After the death of the former, he continued as junior member of the firm of Whitelock & Cook.

In 1892 he was elected prosecuting attorney for the twenty-eighth judicial circuit comprising the counties of Huntington and Wells, and receiving the nomination after an exciting contest in the convention, when thirty-six ballots were cast before a choice was reached. During his incumbency of that office Mr. Cook was untiring in the duties attending his position, and made a good official, there being no appeal taken from any case which he conducted. In addition to this, his firm served as attorneys for Huntington county for four years, and conducted some very important litigation for the county.

In the fall of 1906 Mr. Cook was elected to the office of judge of the Huntington Circuit Court for the term of six years. In that election he was elected by seventy-two majority on the democratic ticket, while the county went four hundred and fifty republican on the state ticket. That he discharged his official duties with fidelity to the people was attested by the fact that in the fall of 1912 he was again named by his party as its candidate and again elected by the people to serve another term of six years. In the latter election he had a majority of four hundred and nine votes and ran three hundred and seventy-three ahead of the national and four hundred and twenty-one ahead of the democratic state ticket.

One of the important subjects of litigation which Judge Cook has been called upon to administer, is the affairs of the Cincinnati, Bluffton & Chicago Railroad Company, whose line of road extends from Huntington to Portland, Indiana. This road has been operated for over five years under the directions and orders of the court, through a receiver. As is usual in such matters, many complications and disputes have arisen, which have taken much time and labor of the court, to settle.

Judge Cook held the first court in the present new courthouse (which has been elsewhere described) on January 3, 1908. In the seven and one-half years he has tried many important cases and the court docket has been reduced so that new cases can be tried in two or three months after they are filed.

Besides this he has been frequently called to try cases in the adjoining and other circuit courts of this part of the state.

Judge Cook is particularly well versed in our constitutional history and the law relating thereto, and an address which he was called upon to deliver before the meeting of the State Bar Association of Indiana, held at Indianapolis in July, 1913, was immediately recognized as an able presentation of some of the constitutional questions with which our great political parties and statesmen have been wrestling, the address at once giving Judge Cook a standing among the leading lawyers of the state as a safe and sound leader on the subject. For a number of years he has been a member of the State Bar Association and of the American Bar Association.

Judge Cook is an able and earnest supporter of the democratic party, and has been since he was old enough to wield the elective franchise, and the party is greatly indebted to his counsel and management for success in a number of local, state and national contests. He served as secretary of the county central committee during the year 1890, later was chosen chairman of the same, and in 1896 was a delegate from the Eleventh Congressional District to the Chicago Democratic National Convention and since then he has been a loyal supporter of Mr. Bryan. He also represented the same district on the state committee and during the campaign of 1896 did valiant service for his party as editorial writer on the Huntington *News* and later on the *News-Democrat*. He wields a trenchant pen and proved himself a formidable antagonist in the discussion of the leading questions at issue between the contending parties, continuing his editorial contributions to the above papers regularly for a period of three years. He has a large acquaintance among political leaders and lawyers throughout the state.

Judge Cook is a self-made man in the fullest sense of the term. Through toil, poverty and disappointments that would have discouraged those of lesser will and energy, he struggled manfully and cheerfully to an honorable and useful position, and he well deserves the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens in the county and city of Huntington. In every position to which he has been called he has discharged the duties incumbent upon him with care, watchfulness and zeal, and no labor or exertion has been great enough to cause him to turn aside from a cherished end, or from prospective results worthy to be gained. Being still a young man, in the very prime of his physical and mental powers, the greater part of his career, begun so auspiciously, yet lies before him, and with such qualifications as he possesses can not be otherwise than honorable and useful.

Judge Cook was married on October 6, 1897, to Miss Hattie Harshbarger, a daughter of Daniel and Anna Harshbarger, both natives of the state of Ohio. Three children have been born to the Judge and his wife; Edna and Wilbur E. are living, the other having died in infancy. Judge and Mrs. Cook are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Ervin Ade is one of the wide-awake, ambitious and resolute young business men of Huntington county, living in the city of Huntington, where he is engaged in the restaurant business under the firm style of

Ade Brothers. A self-made man, his success has come as a result of his recognition of opportunities as they have opened up before him, his courage in grasping them and his ability in attaining from them their utmost possibilities. For several years the Huntington restaurant has been located on South Jefferson street, and has grown in popularity until it is now one of the best patronized places of its kind.

Ervin Ade was born in Wabash county, Indiana, near the village of North Manchester, October 27, 1880, and is the youngest son of Frederick and Caroline (Eberhart) Ade. His father, a native of Tuscarawas county, Ohio, was born in 1848, and was by occupation a farmer, a vocation which he followed throughout his life. From Wabash county the family moved to Huntington county and settled for a time on a property in Huntington township, but later went to Dallas township, and there the father carried on operations for fourteen years, or until his death, in 1897.

Brought up to the work of the home farm, Ervin Ade received his early education in the district schools of Huntington county, and later attended the high schools at Lancaster and Andrews. Upon completing his studies he took up the carpenter's trade, at which he spent four years, and during that time also spent some time in attending the night school at Andrews. In July, 1902, he received his graduation diploma from the National Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, in mechanical drawing and draughting, and after spending another short period at the trade of carpenter came to Huntington and formed a partnership with his brother, under the firm style of Ade Brothers, having seen the possibilities offered in the restaurant business in this city. While successfully operating his restaurant business, Mr. Ade has also devoted a part of his attention to real estate matters, and in this has met with an equal share of success. He is at this time the owner of 240 acres of valuable farming land in Midland county, Michigan, devoted to the growing of potatoes, beans, cabbages and oats, and while this is conducted under a manager the latter is directly under Mr. Ade's supervision. In politics Mr. Ade is a pronounced democrat, always votes the straight ticket, and in the year of 1909 he was elected to public office as councilman at large for a term of four years, and he has worked actively in the interests of his friends. He is heartily in sympathy with the purposes and teachings of the various fraternal orders, and at this time is a member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Loyal Order of Moose. His business and social connections have brought to him a wide acquaintance and he has the favorable regard of the great majority of those with whom he has come in contact.

In 1907 Mr. Ade was married to Miss Erma Stetzel, the estimable daughter of Charles and Christena (Eggman) Stetzel, and to this union there have been born four interesting and attractive children: Thyra V., Ray, Rosemond V. and June E. Mr. and Mrs. Ade are consistent members of the Evangelical church. Their pleasant home is located at 248 Oak street.

PATRICK GORMAN. One of the capable business executives of Huntington, Patrick Gorman has lived in this city and county nearly thirty years, and by his fidelity to the interests entrusted to his charge, by straightforward and honorable dealings, and by public spirit manifested wherever the welfare of the community is at stake, has become one of the leading men of the county.

Patrick Gorman was born in county Wexford, Ireland, July 13, 1852. His parents, Patrick and Catherine (Doyle) Gorman lived and died in Ireland. The education of the son Patrick was obtained in the common schools, and much of his early life was spent on a farm. His emigration to America occurred in 1885, and from New York City he came direct to Huntington, Indiana. For a number of years his services in Huntington were employed by the Roche family, and particularly by John Roche, financier and founder of the Roche fortune in this part of Indiana. John Roche, who was unmarried, a man of far-seeing and successful business ability, employed Mr. Gorman in many confidential and responsible capacities and the latter continued with the Roche family and finally took charge of the Roche estate, settling up the business to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. At the present time Mr. Gorman is owner of a good farm in Huntington county and devoted all his time to looking after his general interests and dealing in real estate. He is one of the stockholders and directors in the First National Bank of Huntington, and has many interests to identify him with local citizenship.

In 1890 Mr. Gorman married Miss Ellen Buchanan, of Huntington. Her father was one of the old and respected citizens of this locality. No children have been born to their marriage. The Gorman home is a substantial residence at 1007 North Jefferson street, one of the best residence thoroughfares in the city.

WILLIAM M. CARMICHAEL. Coming from Ohio to Huntington county, Indiana, a youth of eighteen years, Mr. Carmichael has here rendered excellent account of himself and has achieved success that is worthy of the term. Relying upon his own resources, he has made substantial advancement, has ordered his course upon a high plane of integrity and honor, and has gained inviolable place in popular confidence and esteem. In the little village of Mount Etna he now owns and conducts an excellently equipped general store, which receives an appreciative and representative patronage from the people of the surrounding county. Mr. Carmichael has owned two farms in the county and gave his attention to agricultural pursuits until he established his present mercantile business, which has been signally prospering under his able direction and control.

William M. Carmichael was born on a farm in Adams county, Ohio, on the 19th of September, 1879, and is a son of Trusdale and Rachel (Glassco) Carmichael, who now reside in Jefferson township, Huntington county, Indiana, the father having been a farmer during virtually his entire active career. Of the nine children eight are now living: Ada

is the wife of Charles E. Lawrence, individually mentioned on other pages of this work; Inez is the wife of John Shipley, of Warren, this county; Etta is the wife of Marley Ware, of Zanesville, Wells county, Indiana; Anna is the wife of Everett Williams, of Warren; Andra is the wife of Russell Chaney, of Wayne township, this county; Archie, who wedded Miss Jennie Bearbower, of Rock Creek township, this county, is there engaged in farming; Fred remains at the parental home; and he whose name introduces this article was the third in order of birth of the nine children.

William M. Carmichael grew to adult age on the old homestead farm in Adams county, Ohio, and his educational advantages were those afforded by the public schools. He was eighteen years of age at the time when he came to Huntington county, Indiana, where he was employed at farm work for the first four years. He then initiated his independent career by purchasing a farm of his own, and he was successful as one of the energetic and enterprising agriculturists of the county, within whose limits he has owned two different farms, as previously stated in this context. In 1912 he established his present business enterprise at Mount Etna, and in the upbuilding of a now vigorous and substantial enterprise he has brought to bear his best energies, the while his personal popularity has proved a definite commercial asset.

Mr. Carmichael is well fortified in his political opinions and has been an active supporter of the cause of the Republican party, with special interest in public affairs of a local order but with naught of ambition for the honors or emoluments of political office. He is affiliated with the time-honored Masonic fraternity, in which he is an influential and honored member of Mount Etna Lodge, No. 333, Free and Accepted Masons. He is the present grand master of this lodge in 1914, and has three times represented it in the grand lodge of the state. He attends and supports the Methodist Episcopal church of Mount Etna, of which his wife is a zealous member.

The year 1901 recorded the marriage of Mr. Carmichael to Miss Amanda Smith, who was born and reared in Huntington county and whose father, William H. Smith, is a representative agriculturist of Wayne township. Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael maintain a pleasant and hospitable home at Mount Etna, and the same is brightened by the presence of their three children, Ila G., Leo D., and Madge E.

DeWitt Clinton Stroup. A well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Jefferson township, DeWitt Clinton Stroup holds a position of note among the skilful and thriving agriculturists of Huntington county, owning and occupying the Brookside stock and fruit farm, lying in section 5, eight and one-half miles northwest of Warren, and two and one-half miles east of Mount Etna. A native of Indiana, he was born September 16, 1863, in Monroe township, Grant county.

His father, Carey Stroup, was born and reared in Ohio, living there until after his marriage, in 1855. The following year, in 1856, he came with his young wife to Grant county, Indiana, and for ten years resided

in Monroe township. Moving then to Huntington county, he located in Rock Creek township, one and one-half miles west of Rock creek, and was there engaged in tilling the soil until after the death of his good wife. He subsequently made his home in Jefferson township, spending his last years with his son, D. C. Stroup, his death occurring in 1910. His wife, whose maiden name was Barbara Robb, was born in Clermont county, Ohio, which was also his birthplace, and was there married. Three children were born of their union, as follows: Catherine, of Lancaster township; George, who died in infancy; and DeWitt C.

But two years old when brought by his parents to Huntington county, DeWitt Clinton Stroup received his elementary education in the rural schools of Rock Creek township, after which he attended the winter terms of the Fellaborn school for awhile, in the summer time assisting on the home farm. He subsequently continued his studies at the County Normal School, in Huntington, after which he took a business course at the Marion Normal College. Having fitted himself for a teacher, Mr. Stroup began his professional career in 1885, and until the winter of 1905 and 1906 was successfully engaged in teaching, having charge of district schools in the townships of Rock Creek, Salamonie, Jefferson, Jackson, and Lancaster. Since that time he has devoted his time and energies to the care of his farm of eighty acres in Jefferson township, where, in addition to raising the cereals common to this part of the country he makes a specialty of cultivating strawberries and raspberries, for which he finds a ready market in Huntington.

Mr. Stroup has been twice married. He married first, in 1890, Ella M. Sering, a daughter of Thomas Sering. She died in 1892, in early womanhood. Mr. Stroup married second, April 5, 1895, Sarah E. Stech, a daughter of Andrew Stech, of Warren, Indiana. Three children have made their advent into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stroup, namely: Blanche L., attending, in 1914, the Lancaster Township High school; Donald S., a pupil in the same school; and Gladys, who died in infancy. A steadfast democrat in politics, Mr. Stroup takes an active interest in local and county affairs. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Stroup are members of the Christian church at Majenica, Indiana.

Arthur D. Rhany. The owner of a well improved farm lying on the line between Huntington and Wabash counties, Mr. Rhany is a member of the board of trustees of the former county and is one of the representative citizens and successful agriculturists of Wayne township, where his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances. He is a native of the county which is still his home and is the owner of a well improved farm, the appearance of which fully indicates his progressiveness and intrinsic thrift.

Mr. Rhany was born in Wayne township, Huntington county, Indiana, on the 20th of February, 1878, and is a son of Michael and Sarah (Charlton) Rhany, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, whence, as a child, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, whence they came to Indiana and established their residence in Jay

county, and where he was reared to manhood and where his marriage was solemnized. Soon after this important event in his life he came to Huntington county and located on a farm in Wayne township, where he has since maintained his residence and where he has developed one of the fine landed estates of the county, besides which he has so ordered his course as to retain the unqualified confidence and esteem of his fellow men. His wife died in the year 1880, and of their six children four are now living. Charles F. is a successful farmer of Wayne township; William S. is a successful agriculturist of Wabash county; and Emma A. is married and resides in Wabash county.

Arthur D. Rhany was reared on the homestead farm in Wayne township, where his early educational advantages were those afforded by the district schools, the curriculum of which he completed in 1896. Reared under the benignant influences of the farm, he naturally showed a predilection for agricultural pursuits, in connection with which he has achieved definite success in his independent operations. He is now the owner of a model farm of fifty acres, the same being located in Wayne township, on the line of Wabash county, and in Section 9 of Wayne township. He has shown marked progressiveness and circumspection in his farming operations and has achieved definite success through his well ordered endeavors. In politics he has ever given allegiance to the republican party, and as a representative of the same he has been active in public affairs of a local order. In 1908 he was elected trustee of Wayne township, and of this office he is the incumbent at the present time. He also served as supervisor of the township for four years, 1901-5. That he has been called to such positions of trust and responsibility gives patent evidence that he has secure place in the confidence and esteem of the people of his native township.

On the 29th of March, 1899, Mr. Rhany wedded Miss Sarah Haines, who was born and reared in Madison county, this state, and they became the parents of two children, of whom one is living, Chloe E., who was born in April, 1901, and who is now attending the public schools.

Frank E. Strauss. Those individuals who are entrusted with the care of public funds are invariably found to be men who have succeeded in the handling of their own affairs, and who are known for their financial stability, their business integrity and their personal probity, for public confidence must be in them lest the community's credit be affected. These characteristics are embodied in the person of Frank E. Strauss, city treasurer of Huntington, Indiana, a man who in every relation of life has shown himself capable, forceful and energetic, and his administration of affairs has materially advanced the interests of the city of his adoption. He is a native of Huntington county and a product of the farm, having been born in Jackson township, the oldest son of Andrew and Saulla (Eby) Strauss. His father was born in Stark county, Ohio, October 25, 1847, but early came to Huntington county, where he successfully carried on farming and stockraising operations on a well-cultivated farm in Jackson township, but subsequently turned his attention

to the milling business, a trade which he had learned in young manhood. He operated the well known City Mills of Huntington for a number of years, and is still a resident of this city, although he is now living retired from the activities of business life. He is remembered in trade circles as a man of the strictest integrity, whose associates were able to rely absolutely in his judgment, his acumen and his reliability.

Frank E. Strauss, like many of his contemporaries in Huntington, secured his early education in the country, where he attended the district schools during the short winter terms, and in the summer months assisted his father in the work of the home place, thus growing up strong in body and alert in mind. Later, however, he was given additional advantages, for when the family moved to Huntington he became a student in the graded schools and was later graduated from the high school. Upon the completion of his education, he became an employe of his father in the City Mills, and at the time he reached his majority was given complete charge thereof. Some time later he went elsewhere and took charge of an outside mill, but only remained for six months, when he again came to this city to become manager for the Huntington Mill, a capacity in which he acted from 1891 until 1910. Mr. Strauss' connection with this large enterprise made him widely known among men of affairs in the city, and in 1911, when the public-spirited men of Huntington were looking for a suitable man for the office of city treasurer, Mr. Strauss' name came immediately to mind. Accordingly, he was induced to make the race on the democratic ticket, and was sent to that office with a majority that left no doubt as to the regard and confidence in which he was held by the people of Huntington. His subsequent record has been one worthy of emulation, and characterized by fidelity to duty and a conscientious regard of the responsibilities of his office. In fraternal circles, Mr. Strauss is connected with the Knights of Pythias, in which order he is a subordinate of the Uniform Rank, and with the local lodge of the Elks fraternity.

On March 24, 1891, Mr. Strauss was married to Miss Emma Gross, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Zintzmaster) Gross, and to this union there has been born one son: Donald C., now a student in the Kirksville (Indiana) School of Osteopathy.

David D. Sult. For forty years David D. Sult has been active in public and business affairs as a contractor and builder. In this time he has enjoyed a reputation for reliable and thorough workmanship, has always stood back of his contracts in every way, has employed skilled workers and the best of material according to the specifications, and has a large amount of building work to his credit. He is one of the influential citizens of Huntington county.

David D. Sult was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, March 15, 1851, being the third in a family of four children, born to Peter and Mary (Johnson) Sult. Grandfather David Sult was one of the early pioneers of Huntington county. He was an active member of the Baptist religious faith, and his death occurred in this county. He married Bar-

bara Teagarden. Peter Sult, the father, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, near Lancaster, died July 19, 1910, in his ninety-sixth year. He followed the vocation of farming for many years, raised large quantities of stock, and did quite a business as a shipper. His wife, who was born in Licking county, Ohio, died May 16, 1898.

David D. Sult was reared on a farm, and as a boy attended district schools. He was three years old, when the family in 1854 came to Huntington county, and settled on a farm in Warren township. That old homestead was the place where the father spent his last years. On leaving the district schools he continued to work on the farm until his eighteenth year, and then sought a different vocation from farming. He was employed by John Grabill, and William S. Dillman, until 1873, and while with them learned the carpenter's trade. After that he started out on his own account as a builder and contractor, and being a skilled mechanic himself, a thorough judge as to building specifications and necessities, he has seldom lost money on any contract, and at the same time has lived up to both the spirit and the latter of every agreement. He has constructed a great many private residences and other buildings in Huntington and the surrounding country.

On January 24, 1878, Mr. Sult married Miss Samantha E. Kunce of Huntington county, daughter of Andrew Kunce, an old resident of this vicinity. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sult three are now living, namely: Mary O., wife of Claude Hough; Frank P., a student in the high school; and Julia M. at home. The two now deceased are Homer A., and Buna V. Mr. Sult is well known outside of his business activities. He served as deputy sheriff of Huntington county two years, under S. Wintrode, and two years under P. McCarty. He is a democrat, and takes a lively interest in politics, and the election of his friends. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of the Maccabees, and the Court of Honor. His home is an attractive place on Salamonie Avenue.

W. B. Dillon. The people of Jefferson township have for a number of years had many reasons to appreciate the presence of W. B. Dillon among local citizenship. Mr. Dillon while successfully pursuing his main vocation as a farmer, is also one of the most capable instructors of the young in Huntington county, and has been engaged in educational work for more than twenty years. He is also a local minister of the Gospel, and it would be difficult to estimate his influence for morality and good during the many years of his active citizenship.

W. B. Dillon was born in Rush county, Indiana, September 26, 1872, a son of A. S. and Harriett (Summer) Dillon. His parents from Rush county moved to Grant county and subsequently to Huntington county. The mother is now dead, and the father lives in Marion. It was on a farm, and in the wholesome environments of a rural district that W. B. Dillon grew to manhood, and his education was supplied by the district schools of Grant and Huntington counties. He has also taken higher courses in the Marion College and in the State Normal School. When

he was about twenty years of age, in 1892, he was qualified and given his first school, and as a successful teacher and school executive has been almost continuously engaged in some locality ever since. Along with teaching he has combined farming, and has prospered and provided in liberal measure for his growing family. At the present time Mr. Dillon is teaching his fifth consecutive term at the Pleasant Plain school.

In 1895 occurred his marriage to Miss Lola Beal. Mrs. Dillon was born and reared in Huntington county, and is one of the cultured women in her community. She owns in her own name one hundred and forty-five acres of land on Section 1 of Jefferson township. To their marriage have been born four daughters: Maurie is deceased; Hattie is a graduate of the common schools and is now a student in the Warren high school; Ruby is a student in the seventh grade; and Ruth is also a student in the common schools. Mr. Dillon has for many years been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for some time has been a licensed preacher and has performed a great deal of pulpit and other pastoral and ministerial services. His individual membership is in the Pleasant Plain church. Politically he advocates the success of the party which will mean the ultimate eradication of the liquor traffic and its influence, and votes consistently for the prohibition cause.

Andrew Wiley. One of the fine country homes of Jefferson township is that of Andrew Wiley, who was born on the old Wiley homestead, and his present estate is a portion of that old farm which was developed under the enterprise and management of his father and which increased the area of tillable and productive soil in this part of the county. As a farmer and stock man Andrew Wiley has a fine record and is one of the substantial men upon whom the prosperity and civic progress of Huntington county depends.

It was on the north end of the old Wiley farm in Jefferson township that Andrew Wiley was born March 15, 1871. His parents were William and Nancy (Layman) Wiley. His father, who was born in Darke county, Ohio, came to Jefferson township of Huntington county at an early day, and secured one hundred and two acres direct from the government. After clearing up and making a home, he was not content to enjoy ordinary prosperity, but continued to accumulate until his possessions totaled three hundred and seventy acres in Huntington county. He was regarded as a hustler, and made money in practically every venture to which he turned his attention. Thus he was able to leave his children well provided, and each of them began life with something more than education and home training. Of ten children the five now living in 1914 are: Henry, of Lancaster township; Joseph L., of Jefferson township; Harriet, wife of D. D. Hare of Jefferson township; Andrew; and William of Huntington.

Andrew Wiley grew up on the old farm in Jefferson township, and when a little past six years of age was sent away to attend his first term of district school. From that time forward until he was about twenty years of age he attended school whenever opportunity offered and his

services were not required on the home place, and benefited by the instruction of the school room as well as by the discipline of the farm, and when he started life on his own account at the age of twenty-two he possessed sufficient self-confidence and a capital of integrity and proficiency which have been constantly increased in successive years.

In August, 1894, Mr. Wiley married Miss Grace Stocksdale, of Jefferson township. Mrs. Wiley was born in Rock Creek township of Huntington county. She has proved a most capable helpmate to her husband, and the prosperity which stands to their credit is due to her good judgment and advice as well as to the industry and management of her husband. To their marriage have been born two children: Sarah June, who is nineteen years of age, was graduated from the Huntington high school in 1913 and is now the wife of Cecil Goff of Grant county; Howard R. A., who is twelve years of age and still in school. The family worship in the Methodist Episcopal church at Lancaster, and Mr. Wiley is one of the trustees of the church. As a republican he has for a number of years taken an active part in local and county politics and believes in doing his civic duties as well as heaping up a full measure of individual prosperity. Mr. Wiley is the owner of a hundred acres, comprising a well situated and well handled farm estate, a mile and a half south of Lancaster and eleven miles south of Huntington on Section 3 of Jefferson township. His enterprise has been largely of a general nature, he has had much of his success in the raising of hogs. His neighbors say that he usually makes money out of everything he turns his hand to, and his place in the community has been assured by many years of hard work and beneficent influence.

Mack Craig. When Mack Craig was twenty-one years old he entered the employ of his father on the home farm, and for three years he labored for a regular monthly wage, just as would a hired "hand." At the end of that time he established himself on a rented farm, and here he lives today, though he has long since owned the place. It is an eighty acre farm, well improved, lying six miles southwest of Huntington, on the fine pike road known as the Huntington and Warren pike. Mr. Craig has improved his place from a state of comparative mediocrity, as farms go, until it is now one of the finest in the township, and reflects genuine credit upon its owner.

Born in Henry county, Indiana, on September 30, 1863, Mack Craig is the son of Levi and Lenora (Smith) Craig, both of them now residents of Huntington county. They reared a family of five children. Mack Craig of this review is the eldest; James W. is next; Etta is the wife of George Tucker; Lena and Elenor are unmarried and live in Huntington township.

The family moved from Henry county to Huntington county when Mack Craig was seven years of age, in the year 1870, where the boy attended the district schools in the winter seasons, his summers being devoted to the arduous labors of the farm. He continued with that regime until he was about nineteen, gaining a fair education in the

common branches, and continuing as his father's helper on the farm until he was twenty-one.

It was then that he began to look ahead for himself, and his arrangement to work for his father began, continuing for three years, so that when he was twenty-four years old he rented a place in Lancaster township, continuing as a renter for nine years, after which he bought out the owner. Here he carries on general farming activities and is regarded as one of the most successful and prosperous farmers of the township.

Mr. Craig was married to Miss Hattie Wooster, and of their two children, one is living, Lilian E., a graduate of the Lancaster high school and now the wife of Delmer Allen, of Rock Creek township. In 1898 Mrs. Craig passed away, and he later married Miss Emma Smith, the marriage taking place on November 1, 1900. She was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1871, and is a daughter of Samuel Q. and Mary (Howland) Smith. Two children have been born of this later marriage,—Ruth A., born on January 8, 1903, and Georgia M., born July 7, 1905.

The family have membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Majenica, Indiana, and he is a member of the board of trustees of the church. Politically Mr. Craig is a republican, and he has been more or less active in the work of the party, performing every duty of citizenship conscientiously and taking his place among the solid and substantial men of the community. A man of sound judgment, upright in his dealings with men, he has the unbounded confidence and esteem of those who come into contact with him, either in business or purely social relations, and he stands well among his fellowmen wherever he is known.

Sylvester Karst. Many of the most successful farmers of Huntington county are living on farms on which they were born, and where they have spent their entire lives, and thus, with intimate knowledge of soil and climatic conditions, are attaining a full measure of success from their operations. In this class stands Sylvester Karst, a progressive farmer and highly respected citizen of Polk township, who was born on his present farm, March 15, 1867, a son of Peter and Anna (Zeigler) Karst.

The Karst family, like a number to be found in Huntington county, had its origin in Germany, the father of Mr. Karst being a native of the Fatherland. His opportunities in his own country being somewhat limited, during the early forties he came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania, where he secured employment as a farm laborer. He first received four dollars a month for his work and was later advanced to six dollars, and from these small earnings managed to save enough money to start a home of his own. He was married in Pennsylvania to Anna Zeigler, a native of the Keystone state, and shortly thereafter they went to Ohio, where they settled on a farm. In 1865 they came to Huntington county, the father purchasing the farm on which our subject now resides, and here the parents spent the balance of their lives. They were faithful members of the Catholic church, and attended the congregation of Sts. Peter and Paul at Huntington. Ten children were

MR AND MRS HENRY S. WISMER

born to Mr. and Mrs. Karst, of whom five are living at this time, namely: Peter P., a resident of Huntington; Jacob, who lives at Lancaster; Catherine, who is the wife of John Scheer; Barney W., who lives in Montana; and Sylvester.

The boyhood of Sylvester Karst was divided between attendance at the district schools of Polk township and working on the home farm, upon which he has always resided. He has secured his land by purchase from the other heirs of his father's estate, and at this time is the owner of 160 acres of well-drained and well-cultivated land, located on the Range Line turnpike, five miles southeast of Andrews, and six and one-half miles southwest of Huntington. Mr. Karst is a man who has succeeded in life because he has always been able to overcome obstacles and conquer circumstances, working hard and thriftily investing his savings in legitimate business enterprises. He is known as a progressive farmer who is ever ready to adopt new methods in his work, and as a citizen who has the welfare of his community at heart. In politics he is a democrat, but he has not cared for public life and consequently has not been very active in county affairs. He is a member of the Catholic church, which he attends at Huntington.

In November, 1889, Mr. Karst was married to Miss Cecelia Eckert, who was born in Huntington township, and to this union there have been born nine children, of whom eight are living: Monica, who is the wife of Frank Bowers; Gertrude; Rosa; Arthur; Dorothea; Herman, who is deceased; Martha; Mary and Marcellus. All the members of the family are well known and have many friends in Polk township.

Henry S. Wismer. A death that came as a shock to the community of Warren township was that of Henry S. Wismer on January 11, 1913. A veteran of the Civil war, from which he bore a wound that was always a badge of honor and distinction in later life, Henry S. Wismer was for more than forty years identified with Huntington county, and as a soldier, a citizen, a farmer and industrious worker was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Henry S. Wismer was born in the State of New Jersey March 23, 1838, and was at the time of his death seventy-four years, nine months and eighteen days of age. His father, Moses Wismer, moved to Bucks county, Pennsylvania, when Henry was a boy, he acquired a common school education in that county, and at the age of eighteen moved to Wayne county, Ohio. It was from the state of Ohio that he went out to battle for the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. In 1862 his enlistment made him a member of the First Ohio Volunteers, and he continued a faithful private soldier until a year later, during the campaign in North Georgia, when he was wounded. For more than a year he was unable to walk, and suffered more or less from the impairment of his physical energies for a number of years. In 1870 Mr. Wismer moved to Huntington county, settling on a farm in Clear Creek township. That was his home until 1881, in which year he moved to the farm where he died, three miles east of Bippus in Warren township.

Mr. Wismer was married in Wayne county, Ohio, July 9, 1860, to Margaret A. Rice, and they lived together as man and wife and faithful companions for fifty-one years and six months. Mrs. Wismer is still living, with her home at Bippus. Mr. Wismer was also survived by two sisters: Mrs. Lydia Long of Wordsworth, Ohio; and Mrs. Mary Wismer of Trenton, New Jersey. The late Mr. Wismer was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Huntington, and was always popular among his old comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Edward C. Stouder. A large number of the energetic and progressive men of Huntington county have spent their lives in this neighborhood, growing with it and prospering with its prosperity, and have always been interested in its development. They are as a class stout-hearted men, loyal to their section, and their devotion to their county has led to the wonderful growth which has marked its progress during the years. One of these men is Edward C. Stouder, of Polk township, whose entire career has been passed here, and who is now the owner of a handsome farm of 115 acres, located on section 1, on the Range Line turnpike, two miles east and two miles south of Andrews, and six miles southwest of Huntington.

Mr. Stouder was born on a farm in Polk township, September 10, 1872, and is a son of John and Mary (Lahr) Stouder. The father came to Huntington county as a lad with his mother, and here was educated and reared, early choosing agricultural pursuits as his field of labor. He continued to be so engaged up to the time of his death, November 11, 1913, and through earnest and energetic efforts attained a substantial position among the world's workers. Mr. Stouder was a Mason, being a popular member of Antioch Lodge, at Andrews. Mrs. Stouder died in 1902. The next to the youngest of his parents' sons, Edward C. Stouder was reared on his father's farm in Polk township, and here attended the district schools. He began to work on his own account at the age of twenty-one years, and after his marriage settled on rented property, which he cultivated while engaged in ditching at $1.00 per day. He thus accumulated a little property, to which he added from time to time, until he had accumulated his present fine farm of 115 acres, in addition to which he has 160 acres in another tract. Mr. Stouder's success has been entirely self attained, for he started upon his career without capital or influence and has worked his way upward through honest effort. In addition to his stockraising and general farming operations, he has engaged extensively in buying stock and importing cattle from outside fields, which he sells to the farmers of his community. Mr. Stouder's energetic nature has led him into other fields of endeavor. On October 3, 1902, he moved to Huntington and engaged in the livery business, and while there was appointed chief of police of the city, a capacity in which he served for three years. At the end of that time he resigned his office, which he had filled most acceptably, subsequently disposed of his livery business, and returned to the farm, to the operation of which he has since devoted his entire attention with very success-

ful results. In politics Mr. Stouder is a stanch Republican and has been active in his party's work in the county. With his family, he belongs to the Pitcher Chapel church. His fraternal connection is with La Fontaine Lodge No. 42, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On January 14, 1894, Mr. Stouder was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Beal, who was born in Lancaster township, Huntington county, Indiana, and was eleven years of age when she entered the home of J. D. Campbell, by whom she was educated in the district schools. Five children have been born to them, namely: Nondus, nineteen years of age, a graduate of the common schools; Paul, a graduate of the graded schools and now a student in the Andrews High school; and Wilbur, Charles and Dale, who are attending the public schools.

Frederick J. Chennevur. The manager of the Roanoke Drain Tile Company is a young business man who during the past fifteen years has shown unusual capacity for the handling of business, has surrounded himself with many of the evidences of prosperity, and is an efficient leader in the community.

Frederick J. Chennevur was born in Torquay, England, December 3, 1879, a son of William M. and M. A. (Gullett) Chennevur. The parents were born, reared, and were married in England, and in 1881 brought their little family to the United States. The father followed his trade in New York City, Norwich, Connecticut, in St. Louis, Indianapolis, and Chicago, and died in the last named city. His widow afterwards took her family to Roberts, Illinois, and from that place in 1897 came to Roanoke, where she still resides. There are two sons, Frederick J. and Hubert C.

Frederick J. Chennevur received his education in the public schools of several different localities where the family resided, and is a graduate of the Roberts high school in Illinois. He came with his mother to Roanoke in 1897, and here the mother and the two sons established a drug business, which has been conducted as one of the leading mercantile concerns of the village ever since. Both brothers were also active in establishing and in the management of the Roanoke Drain Tile Company, a corporation with a capital stock of twelve thousand dollars, which has done more than any other factor in stimulating business at Roanoke, and is a very valuable concern for the community. The officials of the corporation are: P. B. Settlemyre, president; A. D. Warmuth, vice president; H. C. Chennevur, secretary; W. D. Carter, treasurer; and Frederick J. Chennevur, manager—these officials being also directors of the company.

Mr. Chennevur married Eva L. Koontz, a daughter of C. E. Koontz, now deceased. She was educated in the schools of Roanoke. They are the parents of two children: Florence, aged twelve; and Irene, aged eight years. Mr. Chennevur has membership in Roanoke Lodge No. 195, A. F. & A. M. and is past master of his lodge. In politics he is a progressive and during his residence in Roanoke has shown himself one

of the "live wires" in business and community affairs. He served eight consecutive years as treasurer of the Roanoke school board, and at the present time is secretary of the board.

Samuel Funderburg. Among the many well-to-do farming men of Lancaster township, mention should not be omitted of Samuel Funderburg, who has accomplished a reasonable success in farming activities since he launched out into independent farm life. He is a young man of Huntington county birth, his native town being Union township, and the date of his birth was November 18, 1874. His parents are Jacob and Lucinda (Snowbarger) Funderburg, both now living in Union township.

Mr. Funderburg was reared on the farm home in Union township and attended the common schools of his native community, later graduating from the Union grade schools, and when he was twenty-one years old the young man embarked on an independent business career. He began with slight means, but industry and hard work brought their undeniable reward, and today he is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of fine farm land in Lancaster township, six miles distant from the town of Huntington, on the Huntington and Warren pike. Prosperity has been his, and his place reflects the sturdy industry that has brought him independence and financial well-being.

In 1896 Mr. Funderburg married Miss Lola Eckman, a daughter of Jonathan Eckman. She was born and reared on a Lancaster township farm, and was there educated in the schools. Two children share their home, Dale, born February 1, 1903, and Opal, born August 13, 1911. Glenn, born May 1, 1907, died January 29, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Funderburg are members of the Church of the Brethren at Loon Creek, and he is treasurer of the church. Politically he is a republican, and he is one of the public spirited and progressive citizens of the township. A man of mature judgment and of many fine characteristics, he fills a prominent place in his community, and is well entitled to the high esteem in which he is widely held. He has made the best of those opportunities and advantages that have come his way, and has acquitted himself creditably in all the relations of life.

Noah Hart. An able representative of the prosperous farmers of Huntington county as well as an honored and respected citizen of Jefferson township, has contributed his full share toward the development and growing prosperity of the community in which he lives. A native of Indiana, he was born, December 8, 1849, in Wayne county.

His father, Daniel Hart, was born and brought up in Pennsylvania, and removed with his parents to Wayne county, Indiana. Migrating with his family to Huntington county, Indiana, from Wayne county, in 1851, he bought land in Jefferson township, and from its primitive wildness cleared the farm now owned and occupied by his son Noah, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his remaining years. He married Mary A. Shideler, who was born in Ohio and also removed with her parents to Wayne county, Indiana. There their marriage took place,

and to them four children were born, as follows: Samuel, of Lancaster township; Isaiah, of Jefferson township; Daniel, deceased; and Noah.

Two years old when he came with the family to Jefferson township, Noah Hart grew to manhood amid pioneer scenes, and as a boy attended the pioneer schools of the district during the long winter terms, but in the summer season assisted his father on the farm, becoming fully as familiar with the science of agriculture as with his books. Following in the footsteps of his ancestors, Mr. Hart selected farming as his chosen occupation, and having met with unquestioned success in his undertakings is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and fertile land on section 2, Jefferson township, it being situated one-half mile south, and one and one-half miles east, of Lancaster.

Mr. Hart married, March 16, 1878, Emma Redding, who died in 1901, leaving one daughter, Etta, who was born May 30, 1881. She is now the wife of Ira L. Drubenstot, and has two children, Veva V. and Dosey E. Politically Mr. Hart is a prohibitionist, and religiously he is a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Lancaster.

Aaron E. Smith. Successfully combining the vocations of farming and auctioneering, Mr. Aaron E. Smith has long been one of the substantial and respected citizens of Jackson township. The family have been identified with Huntington county since the early days, and Mr. Smith by his own success has fortified the position which the family as a whole enjoys in this part of Indiana.

Aaron E. Smith was born in Union township of Huntington county, February 9, 1860, a son of Samuel A. and Sarah J. (Arick) Smith. Both parents came from Wayne county, Ohio, locating in Huntington county, a number of years before the Civil war. They had a farm in Union township. The mother died when Aaron E. Smith was four years of age, and after that he went to live with his grandfather and grandmother Arick, in whose household he was reared up to the age of fourteen. After that he went to his father's home in Jackson township, and continued with the latter until his death. As a boy Mr. Smith attended school in Jackson township, but the necessity for work in order to earn his own way, and to contribute to the support of the family was so insistent that his early education was much neglected. Until he was twenty-six years of age Mr. Smith lived at home. In 1886 he married Miss Anna Walter of Jackson township. She was born and reared in that vicinity, had an education in the district schools, and afterward taught school in Huntington county until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Roanoke, and she is a steward in the church organization. In politics Mr. Smith has always been a republican up to the campaign of 1912, when he joined forces with the progressive and cast his ballot for that party candidate.

Mr. Smith is an auctioneer of considerable note, and has a very successful record as a public salesman, his services being much in demand throughout this section of Indiana. He has followed that profession

more or less actively for the past seventeen years. When he started out for himself he had nothing, and now owns seventy acres of land a mile west of Roanoke, on the Fort Wayne and Huntington Gravel Road. He has a fine residence, strictly modern in all its appointments, and one of the best country estates in Jackson township.

NATHAN L. HIGHLANDS. The little community of Roanoke has no more enterprising and public spirited citizen than the well known merchant Nathan L. Highlands, who has spent practically all his life in this county, and has built up a mercantile establishment at Roanoke, which is a credit to the village and to his own personal ability.

Nathan L. Highlands was born on a farm in Jackson township of Huntington county, April 8, 1878, a son of James and Mary (Nortcutt) Highlands. His father was born in Warren township, and the mother was likewise a native of the same locality. Grandfather Nathan Highlands was a Pennsylvanian by birth, in young manhood came west and settled in Wabash county, Indiana, and later in Huntington county. James Highlands the father, grew up on a farm in Warren township, had a common school education, and was still quite young when the war broke out. He volunteered for service in defense of the Union, went out with the Seventh Indiana Cavalry, and saw active service in the armies of the north from 1862 until the close of the war. Returning an honored veteran to Huntington county, he married and began a career of industry as a farmer in Jackson township, where he remained until his death. In politics he was a stanch democrat, and served as trustee of Jackson township for one term. He had fraternal affiliations with Little River Lodge No. 275, I. O. O. F., and at one time was noble grand in that organization. Of his children there are six still living, as follows: Mattie, wife of George Edwards, of Jackson township; Della, wife of George B. Fields, of Hartford City; John, of Roanoke; Hattie, unmarried; Nathan L.; and Klea, wife of Arthur Kelsey, of Jackson township.

Nathan L. Highlands was reared on a farm until he was fifteen years of age, and in the meantime had more or less regular training in the district schools. After moving to Roanoke he attended the Roanoke and Jackson township high school, and is a graduate of that institution. His experience in business began early, and his first important position was as foreman of the A. T. Vail Stave Factory. In this line of manufacturing he became very proficient and later was transferred to Ellison, Ohio, and continued in that line for three years. Finally he returned to Roanoke, and went in with Mr. E. E. Richards, and was associated with that well known merchant for six years. In March, 1908, he went into business for himself, and for four years was alone. Since then he has been associated with Mr. Settlemyre, and their establishment is a prosperous and going concern in Roanoke.

In 1900 Mr. Highlands married Tillie E. Settlemyre, who belongs to the well known family of that name in Jackson township. They are the parents of two daughters: Leona C., aged twelve, and Mayme, aged ten.

The family worship in the United Brethren church and Mr. Highlands is a trustee of the same. Fraternally he is affiliated with Tent No. 124 of the Knights of the Maccabees. In politics he is a prohibitionist, and wherever possible uses his influence to promote that cause. He has served as a member of the Roanoke school board since 1908.

FRED H. BOWERS. Among those members of the Huntington county legal profession who are distinguished for what they have accomplished in the direct line of their calling rather than from any public recognition secured in the direction of public office, a prominent name is that of Fred H. Bowers, for fifteen years a familiar figure in the courts, and identified with many important cases and interests. As senior member of the firm of Bowers & Feightner he helps make one of the strongest legal combinations in this section of the Hoosier state, and in his home community is equally well known as a citizen willing to sacrifice his individual interests in behalf of the larger good of society.

Fred H. Bowers was born in Sandusky county, Ohio, May 3, 1870, a son of Jacob and Louisa (Eckart) Bowers. His father was born in the same county in 1838, and his mother at Buffalo, New York, in October, 1845. Jacob Bowers early in life adopted the vocation of farming, and has followed it for many years in the vicinity of his birthplace. It was the usual experience of a farmer's son that characterized the early life of Fred H. Bowers, who divided his time between his books and his farm chores. Later he became a student in the Normal School at Fostoria, Ohio, and after completing his course in that institution spent three years on the farm and in teaching the district schools. Next he entered the Northwestern Collegiate Institute at Wauseon, Ohio, and pursued his studies there two years, taking a scientific course. Teaching then became with him a profession, and he served three years as superintendent of the city schools of Bradner, Ohio. From that he entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and was graduated from the law department in 1899. Later in the same year Mr. Bowers was admitted to the Indiana bar at Fort Wayne, and at once established himself in practice, later moving to Huntington. This city has been his field of endeavor and the scene of his success. Soon after coming here he formed a partnership with Carey Landis, a schoolmate, under the firm name of Bowers & Landis, but the association was dissolved after a few months. Mr. Bowers in 1905 joined in practice with Milo N. Feightner, ex-mayor of Huntington, and for the past nine years they have conducted a general practice under the style of Bowers & Feightner.

In politics Mr. Bowers affiliates with the democrats taking an active part in local, county and state politics, and on several occasions has represented his party in state conventions as delegate. His only public service through an office has been as county attorney, a position to which he was elected in 1911-12-13, and also as city attorney and president of the board of public works. Fraternally Mr. Bowers is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 805 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Tribe of Ben Hur and the Court of Honor.

He has been successful in a number of business ventures in Huntington county, and his standing in professional, business and social circles is deservedly high. Mr. Bowers is one of the prominent workers in the Central Christian church of Huntington, and is teacher of a bible class which is the largest numerically in northern Indiana.

In 1894 Mr. Bowers was united in marriage with Miss Hattie Metzler of Williams county, Ohio, daughter of John D. and Elizabeth (Lees) Metzler. To this union have been born three children: Lee M., a graduate of the Huntington high school; Lillian, a student in the high school; and Donald D.

William E. Caley. The Caley family has been identified with this section of Indiana for seventy years. The family home throughout most of this time has been in the western section of Wells county, and Mr. William E. Caley spent part of his active career in Wells county, and part of it in Clear Creek township of Huntington county. Mr. Caley now lives retired in the city of Huntington, and is a man whose substantial industry during his earlier years enabled him to acquire a competence, not only for himself but also sufficient to enable him to give his family the best of educational advantages and the fruits of a good home. Mr. Caley stands high in the esteem of the local citizenship of Huntington, and is a man whose word is regarded as good as his bond.

William E. Caley was born in Union township of Wells county, January 20, 1862. His parents were George F. and Mary C. (McBride) Caley. George F. Caley was born in Highland county, Ohio, the oldest son of Samuel B. Caley, who moved to Indiana, first locating in Huntington county, and later in Wells county. George C. Caley, who has been a resident of Wells county since 1843, is now the oldest citizen in point of years of residence in that section. George E. Caley had two sons, William E. and Samuel M., the latter being a resident of Union township in Wells county.

William E. Caley was reared on the old homestead located three and a half miles north of Markle. From early childhood until he was about sixteen, his time was divided between attendance at the district school and the lighter duties of the home farm. His district schooling was further supplemented by attendance at the Wells county Normal School, and that was followed by several years of teaching in his native county. Since then, until his retirement from active pursuit, Mr. Caley has been closely identified with agricultural management. Mr. Caley married Alice C. Hamilton, a daughter of William M. Hamilton of Warsaw, Indiana. Mrs. Caley was educated in the district schools and also the normal school. After their marriage they moved to a farm northeast of Markle, and made that their home until the spring of 1907. In that year the place was sold and the family went to Champaign, Illinois, in order that the daughters might live at home while attending the State University of Illinois. In the fall of 1911 Mr. Caley returned to Indiana, and they have since had their home in the city of Huntington. The two daughters are Floy E., who graduated from the common schools, the

Markle high school, and the University of Illinois, with the degree of A. M., and is now a teacher in the Huntington high school. Mary C., whose attendance at school was along the same lines, and in the same institutions as her sister, is also a teacher, and connected with the Huntington county school. The family are communicants of the Central Christian church at Huntington. Mr. Caley still owns eighty acres of land, the west half of the northwest quarter of section 36 in Clear Creek township, and has a well improved and a highly profitable country estate, to which he gives his supervision, although nominally retired from business.

JASPER C. ROBERTS. A fine representative of the worthy agriculturists of Huntington county as well as a respected citizen of Jefferson township, Jasper C. Roberts is well and favorably known as proprietor of the Salamonie Stock Farm, lying ten miles south of Huntington, on the Salamonie pike, and six miles northwest of Warren, Indiana. A native of Jefferson township, he was born on the farm of his father, Samuel Roberts, October 30, 1861.

Samuel Roberts was born in Darke county, Ohio, and was there brought up and educated. Soon after his marriage, about 1848, he came with his family to Indiana, locating in Jefferson township, Huntington county. Being favorably impressed with the country roundabout, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of wild land, and on the farm which he improved was actively engaged in tilling the soil until his death, May 15, 1897. He married, in Darke county, Ohio, Sophia Wiley, a native of that county. She survived him nearly three years, passing away February 18, 1900. Seven children were born of their marriage, as follows: William W., of Salamonie township, Huntington county; Sarah, wife of George S. Morris, of Jefferson township; Nancy, deceased; George I., of Jefferson township; Lindsey, also of Jefferson township; Verilla, wife of John Anders, of Warren, Indiana; and Jasper C.

The youngest member of the parental household, Jasper C. Roberts was educated in the common schools, attending both the summer and winter terms, and on the home farm acquired a thorough knowledge of the various branches of agriculture. Beginning life for himself poor in pocket, but rich in energy and ambition, he turned his attention to farming, and met with such well deserved success that he was enabled after a few years to buy his present farm of ninety-three acres, in Jefferson township. His skill in the management of his land, and his unwearied industry, was amply rewarded, his farm now comparing favorably with any in the vicinity regarding its improvements and productiveness.

Mr. Roberts married, December 29, 1886, Lillian I. Beekman, who was born in Jay county, Indiana, February 2, 1866. Her parents, Leander and Hannah (Maddox) Beekman, moved from Jay county to Grant county, Indiana, in 1867, and there reared their family, which consisted of eight children, as follows: Mary E., wife of D. L. Hatcher, of Grant county; William, deceased; C. F., of Huntington county; Laura,

wife of M. H. Johnson, of Warren; Stephen A., of Warren, Indiana; Rebecca I., deceased; Alice, wife of G. C. Mince, of Warren; and Mrs. Roberts. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, namely: Alva W.; Nettie O., wife of Curtis O. Blair, of Rock Creek township; Anna V.; and Clyde E., attending school at Lancaster Center. Politically Mr. Roberts is a strong prohibitionist. Religiously neither he nor his wife are affiliated with any church organization, but they are honest, Christian people, eminently worthy of the high regard in which they are held throughout the community.

James M. Triggs. One of the men who have had a prominent part in upbuilding industries in Huntington and making good the motto of the city, is James M. Triggs, the founder and manager of the Majestic Furnace & Foundry Company. Mr. Triggs started this business in 1907, when the company was incorporated with a capital of $30,000 under the name of the Majestic Furnace & Foundry Company. It is a large and important industry. The plant is in a building one hundred and thirty-two by one hundred and forty feet, two stories in height, and equipped with the latest machinery, all the power being electric motors. The payroll is distributed among some sixty employes, and the company manufacture furnaces, coal chutes, garbage receivers and builders' specialties. The output is distributed all over the United States. The business is on a solid basis of commercial success, and its stock holders enjoy large dividends on the capital invested.

Mr. Triggs besides being manager is secretary and treasurer, and Peter Martin is vice president, while the president of the company is W. W. Hawley.

James M. Triggs was born in Jackson county, Michigan, June 4, 1871, representing an old family in that section of the state. His parents were William M. and Innocent (Fuller) Triggs. His youth was spent in his native county and while there he attended the common schools and subsequently high school. His school days may be said to have ended when he was fourteen years old. His first business experience was in a hardware store at Morenci, Michigan, and later he went on the road as a traveling salesman representing a hardware house in Cleveland and covered the states of Ohio and Indiana for several years. Later he left the road in order to take the management of the hardware store in which he was first employed at Morenci, Michigan, and after a broad and varied experience in business affairs, he came to Huntington and established his present business. He was a leader and promoter in the enterprise, but associated with him some of the well known men of Huntington as stock holders. His business has more than justified the early anticipations as to its success, and no list of Huntington industries would be complete without mention of the Majestic Company.

In 1892 Mr. Triggs married Miss Myrtle Datesman, daughter of Jess Datesman of Morenci, Michigan. They are the parents of three children: Kenneth, Helen and Lawrence. Mr. Triggs is affiliated with Amity Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and is popular in both business and social circles

at Huntington, being always alive to any movement that concerns the welfare of the community. His home is at 1011 Byron street.

Caswell-Runyan Company. Less than a decade has passed since Huntington first began to follow in an energetic fashion its aspirations towards greatness as an industrial and manufacturing center. In that time a great deal has been accomplished, and the citizens have done much to justify the motto "Opportunity's Gateway" which has been taken as the commercial watchword of the city. The first important establishment to locate in Huntington through the "Opportunity's Gateway," was the Caswell-Runyan Company. This plant is known as the "home of cedar chests." Though its products are not confined to cedar chests its chief success has been based upon that output. The founder of the business is Mr. John Wallace Caswell, who for some years was engaged in manufacturing lines in North Manchester, and served his novitiate in that place and was well prepared to carry on the business with which he has been identified in Huntington.

The story of the founding of the Caswell-Runyan Company was well told in the Huntington *Herald* of April 21, 1913, and the article that appeared in that paper will be quoted in part. "In 1907 when Huntington organized her factory fund, the first factory to be located was the Caswell-Runyan Company, that concern coming on the personal solicitation of Mr. J. F. Bippus. Building operations were commenced in May, and the factory started the 27th of August and had been in operation just two months when the panic of 1907 struck the country. At that time the operators were the only exclusive manufacturers of cedar chests and shirt-waist boxes in the United States. There were other concerns making these articles as side lines, but the business was practically unknown and unheard of. Some can no doubt recall the impression of the original building, which was one hundred and fifty by two hundred feet, in the minds of the people, who thought the company must be insane to erect a building of that kind for the manufacture of something most of them had never heard of, as it was thought the building was of sufficient size to make all the cedar chests that could be used in the United States or any other country. However, the possibilities of the business had been very carefully considered, and canvassed among the handlers of this product, and after being in operation about two years, it was found necessary to more than double the capacity of the plant. They now have something over one hundred thousand feet of floor space, and insurance men as well as factory inspectors pronounce it the most up-to-date wood-working plant in the state of Indiana, and, what is more, it is the cleanest to be found anywhere in the state. Every machine is operated by electricity, and this plant was the first in the city to install this kind of power exclusively. Since then practically every other establishment in the city has been so equipped."

The chief product, as already stated, of the Caswell-Runyan Company is cedar chests. Next in importance is matting-covered boxes, used for the storing of clothing. Then come bolster rolls, an article used for

decorating beds. Fourth in order of importance are screens, not common window screens, but an article used as a matter of decoration inside the house, and made of burlap and other fabric. Another product is hall trees, besides some of the staple articles of furniture lines. The material for the cedar chests is acquired principally from the mountain districts of Tennessee. The cedar in that locality is said to be of the same species and character as the famous cedars of Lebanon, and the popularity of the cedar chests made of this specially selected material is due to the fact that moths will avoid the fragrant cedar wood, and the odor of cedar is pleasant in itself, and the wood is so attractive as to make a cedar chest an ornate article of furniture. During the year 1912, as a measure of the magnitude of the business done by this company, more than four hundred carloads of manufactured goods were shipped from the Huntington plant. This is more than a full carload every day in the year. The goods are distributed from Maine to California, and from New Orleans to Duluth, and the salesmen of the company visit practically every city of twenty thousand people or more in the country. The business is a very important institution in Huntington, the company started with a capital of seventy-five thousand dollars, and the stock now is two hundred thousand dollars in common, and ten thousand dollars in preferred. The employes number between one hundred and twenty-five and one hundred and seventy-five, and many of them are expert workmen, cabinet makers, and wood-turners, getting large salaries in the mechanical trade. Thus the payroll is an important item in Huntington's aggregate prosperity.

The officers of the Caswell-Runyan Company are Winfred Runyon, president; John A. Snyder, vice president; J. W. Caswell, secretary-treasurer.

John Wallace Caswell. The secretary-treasurer of the Caswell-Runyan Company is a native of Indiana, got his first experience in manufacturing at Fort Wayne, and has concentrated his attention along one line, which is possibly the chief secret of his success. Mr. Caswell has numerous business relations with the city of Huntington.

John Wallace Caswell was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 6, 1870, and had a high school education in that city. His first work was for the Bass Foundry & Machine Company, and later he moved to North Manchester and was member of a novelty company engaged in making wood novelties. From there in May, 1907, Mr. Caswell came to Huntington and organized the present firm of Caswell-Runyan Company. He is also president of the Huntington Auto Transit Company, of the Huntington Specialty Company, the Fire Tuff Manufacturing Company, is secretary of the D. M. Sears Company of Fort Wayne, and also has important relations with public and social affairs. He is president of the Huntington Commercial Club and is vice president of the Michigan and Erie Barge Canal Association, an organization designed to promote the building of a canal from Toledo to Chicago. A Scottish Rite Mason, he is affiliated with the Knights Templar Commandery at Columbia

City. His chief efforts outside of his private business are concentrated in the pushing of local enterprises for the benefit and upbuilding of Huntington as a commercial city. Mr. Caswell was married March 13, 1894, to Miss Ruth Hemmick of Columbia City.

SAMUEL C. SCOTT. In the farming district of Rock Creek are many prosperous and progressive men who believe that the happiest life, as well as the most independent one, is to be lived on the farm. Prominent among these men is Samuel C. Scott. For a number of years he has lived in this community and is known as an excellent farmer, and a man who can be depended upon in all matters of local concern. Mr. Scott is proprietor of what is known as the Old Scott Farm, comprising three hundred and twenty-three acres in section eighteen, seven miles southeast of Huntington.

Though his home has been in Huntington county, since he was three years of age, Samuel C. Scott was born in Grand River township of Osage county, Missouri, April 11, 1858, a son of Samuel W. and Catherine (Pilgrim) Scott. The mother was born in Brown county, Indiana, and the father was a native of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. In 1848 the father went west to the goldfields of California, where he spent two years and was more fortunate than the majority of those who sought wealth on the coast during those years. He finally settled in the central Mississippi Valley, first in Iowa, where he was married, they then moved to Kansas, finally to Missouri, and in 1861 located in Indiana on a farm in Huntington county where his son now lives. The father was a substantial and well to do citizen, a democrat in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian church. He was the father of ten children, six of whom are still living. Samuel C. Scott was three years old when the family came to Rock Creek township, was reared in this locality, attended the common schools, and after some early experiences on his own account established a home of his own by his marriage to Mary Gesaman, a daughter of John Gesaman. Of their six children four are still living: John W., and William C., who are unmarried and live on the farm with their father; Sarah, wife of Ervin Grossman; and Frank, who married Elsie Sparks; Charles W. and Nina P. are deceased.

When Samuel C. Scott was a boy, he traded for a calf, raised that animal, and with the proceeds bought two or three calves. That was the beginning of an endless chain of accomplishment. Fortunately few links were broken, and he gradually progressed to what should be considered a very happy fortune for a young man. Thus when he was ready to get married he had seven hundred dollars in cash, and all of it could be traced back to his first venture with the single calf. Since becoming the proprietor of his present estate he has prospered as a general farmer and stock raiser, and is regarded as one of the most successful in his line in Huntington county. He and his family are members of the Christian church at Majenica, and he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose, being a trustee in the latter. He is a stockholder in the Huntington Trust Company Bank.

For one who started in life with practically no capital, Mr. Scott represents a high degree of successful accomplishment. He has made sufficient for all his needs, and at the same time has been generous in his contributions to philanthrophy and church, and has given each of his children a start in life. As a farmer he takes pride in his industry, keeps his improvements up to the very latest point of efficiency, and has been very successful in the raising of high class stock. He is especially proud of his thoroughbred cattle and hogs. Mr. Scott knows how to enjoy his prosperity, having frequently traveled in various parts of the United States and he shows kindly interest in every public enterprise. Mrs. Scott has proved a loyal and capable helper to him in all his career, and besides her part in the home and as a mother, she has been a factor in the society of her township.

Thomas H. Powell has a foremost place among the leading men of Warren township, where he has been engaged for years in a successful farming enterprise. In the years of his residence here he has carried his full share of the burden of civic responsibility and has held office on numerous occasions. His latest incumbency along those lines is his election to the office of county commissioner of the North district of Huntington county, to which he was elected in 1912, and began his services in January, 1913.

Mr. Powell was born in Carroll county, Maryland, on May 29, 1862, a son of Jacob H. and Catherine (Mirley) Powell, both of whom were born in Maryland and there spent all of their lives up to the years 1868, when they migrated to Miami county, Indiana. There they continued as residents until death, the father dying in 1905 and the mother in 1913. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are living at this writing: Charles D. is a farmer in Miami county; Thomas H., the second born, is the subject of this review; Jennie I. is the wife of J. L. Kern, of Polk township, Huntington county; Mary C. is the wife of Jacob J. Gearhart, of Miami county; and Saville E. is unmarried and lives in Peru.

Thomas H. Powell was but six years old when the family came to Indiana from Maryland. He spent his youth at home on the farm, attending the district schools in season and otherwise deporting himself in the manner of the farmer youth of his day. He worked at home for his father until 1888, being then twenty-five years old.

At that age Mr. Powell married, Miss Geneva Glassborn, of Miami county, becoming his wife. After his marriage Mr. Powell and his bride lived on a rented farm until 1904, in which year he purchased one hundred acres of land on section 35, Warren township, and in 1905 he took up his residence there with his family. He has prospered in his farming activities, and has one of the productive and presentable places of the township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Powell four children have been born. George, the eldest, is a graduate of the common schools. He married Delilah Harter, and they live on the Harter farm. Bennie is now attending school, as is

also John. The eldest child was a daughter, Nora E., who was married in 1908 to Sterling Dubbs, and to that union one child was born. In 1911, on October 18th, she and her husband and child were killed in an automobile by a train on the Wabash Railroad west of Huntington. The automobile was driven by George Bectold, but he was not killed.

Mr. Powell is a member of Antioch Lodge, No. 410, A. F. & A. M., and of Westpoint Lodge, No. 688, I. O. O. F. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church, and are sincere and well meaning church people, of many excellent traits. Mr. Powell's political and civic activities have already been touched upon, so that further mention of that phase of his career is scarcely necessary at this point, and it will suffice to say that he is a man who has the best interests of his township and county at heart, and that his citizenship is of the type that bespeaks progress and civic well being for the community in which its possessor may reside.

William H. Bitzer. One of the prosperous German farming men of Dallas township and one of the best citizens of the community is William H. Bitzer, who is a native son of Wabash county, born in Lagro township on March 4, 1859. Much of his life was passed in that county, and he had his early education there. He is a son of John and Christian (Young) Bitzer, both natives of Germany, who came to the United States with their parents as young people. They met in Wabash county, Indiana, and there were married. The father acquired a farm through the exercise of his inherent qualities of thrift and energy, after spending some time in the construction work on the Wabash & Erie Canal, and he prospered in his farming activities, spending his later years in practical retirement. Of the nine children born to them, five are living at this time, Mary, Josephine, Sarah, Louise and William H., of this review.

William H. Bitzer was reared on the home farm, and had his education in the district schools. He came to Huntington county, settling in Dallas township in 1892, and here he has come to be the owner of a comfortable and productive farm, that, in response to his care, yields him a nice income. Of his lands, which comprise two hundred acres, about ninety-four acres lie in his Dallas township farm, while the remainder are in Wabash county, Lagro township. He has farmed creditably as did his father, and he is situated most comfortably as a result of his industry.

Mr. Bitzer is a member of the Evangelical church, and is a class leader in that body. He is also a trustee, and is superintendent of the Sunday school, a post he has held for some years. Politically he has long been a republican, but in the campaign of 1912 he cast his vote with the progressive side. He is a member of the township advisory board and has been for some time. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Trust Company at Huntington and in the Farmers' National Life Insurance Company of East Chicago.

In 1883 Mr. Bitzer married Hannah Wiedenhoft, who was born in Ohio, and three children were born to them. Iona, the wife of Clarence

Baker; Ralph, a resident of Coleman, Michigan; and Clarence, who was graduated from the Andrews high school before he was sixteen years of age, and is now a student at the North Manchester College.

In the autumn of 1898 the wife and mother died, and in 1903 Mr. Bitzer married Cora Duffy. Four children have blessed this second marriage, Nondas, Chester, Homer and Lawrence. The family are prominent in the community, where Mr. Bitzer is recognized among the most upright and progressive men of Dallas township.

Samuel H. Palmer was born on the farm which he now owns and occupies, and his entire life thus far has been spent in association with his present surroundings. He reached manhood with a goodly training in agriculture, which he has since put to excellent use as the owner and proprietor of the old home place, and he is today regarded among the men of the community as one of the most successful and prosperous farmers hereabout. Mr. Palmer was born on May 22, 1874, and he is a son of Jacob and Eliza (Bumbaugh) Palmer, the father being now deceased, though the mother yet survives. They were the parents of ten children, eight of whom are now living, and those who survive are here briefly mentioned as follows: Henry L., of Huntington county; Sarah E., the wife of G. W. Paul; Rebecca, wife of Levi Hendricks; Catherine E., who married Frank Emery; Samuel H., of this review; Ella, the wife of Aaron Shideler of Lancaster township; W. D. Palmer of Huntington, Indiana; and Naomi, the wife of Otto Fulton of Lancaster township.

Samuel H. Palmer was reared on the home farm and had his education, somewhat limited in its nature, in the township schools which he attended in the winter seasons, as was the prevailing custom of the locality with the farming people. When he married in 1900, he was twenty-six years of age, and he brought his young wife to the old home of which he had assumed the management and of which he later came into the ownership. Effie Freel was the young lady of his choice, and they were married on March 3, 1900. She was born in Rock Creek township in November, 1879, and is a daughter of David R. Freel. She had her education in the schools of Huntington township, where she was for the most part reared, and she has borne her husband six children. Carl R., the eldest, is twelve years old; May I. is eleven; Howard W. is now eight years of age; Elizabeth A. is four; Edith M. is two years old and the baby, Ruth F., is three months old at this writing.

Mr. Palmer has prospered in his independent farming and takes a leading place among the farming men of the town. He is popular in social and other circles of the community, and is a member of Star of Hope Lodge No. 464, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Grand Lodge. He is also Past Chief Patriarch and a member of the Encampment, No. 232. He is a member of Browns Corners Lodge of Rebekahs, No. 348, and a member of the Knights of the Maccabees at Huntington, Indiana.

Mr. Palmer is a democrat, but has never been an office seeker, prac-

tically his only office being the one he holds at present of Superintendent of the Kelso Gravel Road, and he has done excellent work in that capacity. He is also a road contractor and is at the present time building five miles of road in Rock Creek township, known as the George Paul road and the Henderson road.

Levi M. Connell. On section 18 of Clear Creek township, resides one of the progressive and highly esteemed farmer citizens of Huntington county. Mr. Connell has spent most of his life in Indiana and for many years has been identified with the agricultural industry of Huntington county. His estate comprises seventy-two acres of land, all of it well improved and farmed according to the best standards of crop raising in this section of the state. His long-continued industry has given him the reward of a substantial place in the community, and sufficient prosperity for the wants of himself and family.

Levi M. Connell was born in Stark county, Ohio, March 29, 1859, a son of Joseph and Charity (Bowman) Connell. Both parents were natives of Ohio, where they were married and then located in Stark county. In 1865 the family moved from Ohio to Kosciusko county, Indiana, and about 1876 the father established his home in Whitley county, which was his home until his death. Of the eight children six are still living, those besides Levi M. being as follows: Leander W., of Columbia City, Indiana; Henrietta, wife of David Workman of Columbia City; Rachael, wife of M. L. Butterbaugh of Monroe county, Indiana; Mrs. Hattie Moore; May, wife of Ollis Carter of Whitley county.

Levi M. Connell was six years old when the family came to Indiana, and his education was acquired in the public schools of his native state. He grew up on a farm, and when the time arrived for him to make a choice of vocations his selection was the business to which he had been trained from boyhood. On August 28, 1884, Mr. Connell married Martha E. Royer of Wabash county. She was born in that county in 1864. To their marriage have been born two children, the only now living being Edith M., who was born August 17, 1885, graduated from the Clear Creek high school, the State Normal school, and the Terre Haute State Normal, and is now one of the successful teachers in Clear Creek township. Mrs. Connell is a member of the Dunkard church. The politics of Mr. Connell is republican, and he has manifested much interest in local affairs, and has always been ready to take his part in any movement for the advancement of the community welfare.

Samuel M. DeHaven. No better illustration of Huntington county agriculture in its most progressive and prosperous phase could be found than on the stock farm of Samuel M. DeHaven in Rock Creek township. Mr. DeHaven is known as the owner and proprietor of Pleasant Hill Stock Farm, located on section 10 of the township, three and a half miles southwest of Markle. Mr. DeHaven has prospered as a business man, has established a good home, and has a pleasant family about him and stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens. Twenty or twenty-

five years ago, it is instructive to note, he was employed as a common laborer in a brick yard, and it was as a result of careful economy and persistent application year in and year out that he won his substantial position.

Samuel M. DeHaven was born on a farm in Rock Creek township, September 22, 1865. He was one of the three children of Joseph and Hannah (Ewart) DeHaven. His father is still living and a resident of Rock Creek township. The other two children were: Caroline E., wife of C. M. Lantis of Wells county, Indiana; and Albert M., who married Emma Hoover, and is a farmer in Rock Creek township.

The early years of Samuel M. DeHaven were spent on the old home farm in Huntington county. During the winter months he attended with more or less regularity the district schools, and learned the practical lessons of farming at home during the summer months. That was his manner of life until he was twenty-one years old, and his father then gave him a horse and buggy and permission to start life on his own account. For eighteen months he was employed by W. H. Heindel in the latter's brick yard. His wages during this time were eighteen dollars a month, and by strict savings he had some capital to broaden his operation on an independent basis. After that he rented a farm from Mr. Heindel and cropped it for two years. On March 28, 1891, Mr. DeHaven took his next important step in life when he married Matilda E. Heindel, a daughter of his former employer, W. H. Heindel. Mrs. DeHaven was born April 9, 1870. She received her education in the district schools of Rock Creek township, and has proved herself a capable assistant to her husband and an excellent home maker. There are three children: Orla V., who graduated from the Rock Creek township high school, is a farmer in that township, and married Mae Brown; Hazel, a graduate of the high school is now teaching in her home township; Ilene is a student in the Rock Creek high school. Mr. DeHaven affiliates with Markle Lodge No. 423 of the Knights of Pythias, and in politics is a democrat. At his home place, Pleasant Hill Stock Farm he has one hundred and eighty-three acres of land, and owns eighty-two and a quarter acres situated elsewhere in the same township. His business is that of general farming and stock raising, and his success in that line is hardly second to that of any other Rock Creek township citizen. He is also one of the stock holders in the Farmers' Trust Company at Huntington.

Henry I. Kress. The sterling citizenship of Huntington county is well represented by Henry I. Kress, a prosperous farmer of Jackson township, whose services have frequently been required by his community and by the county at large. His home place of eighty acres in Jackson township is a farm that might well be envied by his neighbors, and in farming, as in every one of his activities and undertakings, Mr. Kress displays the quiet efficiency which wins success against all odds.

Henry I. Kress was born in Lafayette township of Allen county, Indiana, March 27, 1854. He is one of a large family of fourteen chil-

dren, seven of whom are still living born to Walter and Eliza (Pollock) Kress. His father came from Pennsylvania, and his mother from Maryland, and are both now deceased, having passed away in Allen county, where they were substantial farming people for many years.

Henry I. Kress grew up on a farm, attended the district school, and lived at home and made himself useful to his family, and at the same time acquired some degree of prosperity for himself until he was twenty-five years of age. He was then married to Miss Sarah E. Brandstater, of Allen county, where she was reared and educated. In 1894 Mr. and Mrs. Kress moved to Huntington county, locating on their present farm in Jackson township. To their marriage were born four children, and three are still living: Lida, is the wife of Henry DeArmett and is a graduate of the Roanoke high school; Nellie is a graduate of the Roanoke high school and wife of Frank Kress, their home being in California; Henry Kress, Jr., after graduating from the Roanoke high school, and taking a course in Valparaiso University is now connected with a bonding company in Chicago. The family are active workers and members in the Methodist Episcopal church at Roanoke, and Mr. Kress is one of the trustees of the society. He takes much interest in fraternal matters, being affiliated with Roanoke lodge of the Masonic Order, and is a past noble grand of Little River Lodge No. 275, I. O. O. F. As a republican his political influence has been of value to his party, and as a good citizen he never neglects an opportunity to advance the prosperity and welfare of his community. He is the present jury commissioner of this county.

Leon L. Wisner. A native son of Huntington county, who has spent his entire career within its borders, Leon L. Wisner is now one of the substantial agriculturists of Dallas township, where he is the owner of a fine farm of eighty acres, known as the George W. Cheesbro farm, and located two miles north and one-half mile east of Andrews. His life has been characterized by industry, perseverance and earnest effort, and such prosperity as has come to him is but a fitting reward for his labors, for when he entered upon his career he had little capital save his own determination and ambition. Mr. Wisner was born at Mount Etna, Huntington county, Indiana, September 12, 1868, and is a son of Calvin R. and Adeline (Jones) Wisner.

The Wisner family originated in Norway, from whence two brothers came to the United States, and all of the name in this country are related in some way to these progenitors. Calvin R. Wisner was born in Allegheny county, New York, a son of Ananias and Annis Wisner, and was reared and educated in his native state there learning the trade of harnessmaker. On coming to Indiana he located at Mount Etna, where he became the proprietor of a harnessmaking establishment, and for twenty years was a justice of the peace, being favorably known alike in the business field and as a public official. Subsequently, he came to Andrews, where he conducted a shop for five years and then purchased the old Thomas Moore farm, in Dallas township, upon which he made his home and continued to carry on operations until the time of his death in

1882. He was the father of seven children, of whom six are living at this time: Cora, the wife of Albert Chubb; Blanche, who is the wife of Albert Leedy, of Texas; Elfie, the wife of Oliver Leedy, of Battle Creek, Michigan; Laura, who is the wife of Charles Keefer, of Dallas township; Roy, of Howard, Kansas; and Leon L.

Leon L. Wisner received his early education in the district schools in the vicinity of his father's farm in Dallas township, following which he spent two terms in the Valparaiso schools. At that time he secured his certificate and entered upon educational work, for two years being a popular teacher in the public schools of his section, although during the summer months he devoted a great deal of attention to farming. Mr. Wisner was married to Miss Estella Comstock, who was born at Martinsville, Illinois, and a graduate of the high school of Andrews, Indiana, daughter of Prof. J. C. Comstock. Five of their six children are still living: Ruth, a graduate of the Andrews High school; Leila and Thelma B., graduates of the graded schools; and Clarence R. and Howard L., who are students. The members of the family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church at Andrews. Mr. Wisner was a republican in his political affiliation until the campaign of 1912, at which time he transferred his allegiance to the new progressive party.

After his marriage Mr. Wisner was employed for four years as fireman on the Wabash Railroad, but resigned his position to engage in agricultural pursuits, in which he has since been engaged. His farm of eighty acres is under a high state of cultivation, and gives evidence of his skill and good management as a farmer and breeder of good livestock. He uses modern methods and machinery in his work, and is able to make his land pay him well for the labor he expends upon it. He is thoroughly reliable in his business transactions, and has made his name an honored one on commercial paper. Mr. Wisner has the welfare of his community at heart, and his unselfish support of all movements making for the betterment of Huntington county stamp him as belonging to the substantial class of citizens to whom the section is indebted for its progress and advancement.

George E. Sprinkle. It may be said that the whole business life of George E. Sprinkle, one of the prosperous farmers of Lancaster township, is summed up in the one word "industry." Whatever success he may have attained, and it is considerable, has been gained through the efforts of himself and wife, and while accumulating a material competency and achieving prosperity he has so directed his efforts as to win also the respect and esteem of his fellow men. Mr. Sprinkle was born in the town of Lancaster, Indiana, December 6, 1859, and is a son of Solomon H. and Marietta (Sinnett) Sprinkle.

The father of Mr. Sprinkle was born near Columbus, Ohio, where he grew to young manhood and then came to what is now known as New Lancaster, Indiana, where he was married, his wife having come to Huntington county from her birthplace near Decatur, Illinois. Mr. Sprinkle was a wagonmaker by trade, an occupation at which he worked until

moving to the state of Missouri, where he ran a hotel and remained for a period of nine years. Upon his return to Indiana, he located at South Whitley, Indiana, where he lived for one year, following which he returned to Lancaster and made that point his home until the death of his wife in 1883. Mr. Sprinkle then went west, and died in Marion, Indiana, in 1906. He was the father of a family of twelve children, of whom five are still living: William H., a blacksmith of Liberty, Missouri; George E., of Huntington; Edward L. and C. C., who reside at Marion, Indiana; and Arthur D., a barber of Redlands, California.

George E. Sprinkle was five years of age when his parents moved to Chillicothe, Missouri, and in that state he attended the public schools. Upon his return to Indiana he supplemented his education by attendance in the schools of Lancaster township, although when only fourteen years of age he began to make his own way in the world. By the time he was twenty-one years of age he had managed to save $400 as a farm hand and working in a sawmill, and in 1882 he learned the photography trade and he worked at that and taught the art of the chemio oil painting. He began farming on his own account, although it was not until after his marriage, in 1884, that he settled on his present property, a tract of eighty acres, located five miles south and one-half mile east of Huntington, in section 21, and the east one-half of the northeast one-quarter of section 14, in Lancaster township. When a farm hand, Mr. Sprinkle lived frugally and economically, worked hard and persistently, and as the years passed made steady financial progress. His life record should serve as a source of inspiration to others who have to start out in life as he did. He had no money to assist him when he began to earn his own living, and that he is today one of the substantial men of his community is due to the fact that he and his wife have persevered constantly. He is progressive in his ideas, uses the latest improved machinery, and makes his land pay him well for the labor he expends upon it. His dealings have been straightforward, and it would be difficult to find a man who stands higher in general public esteem.

On June 23, 1884, Mr. Sprinkle was married to Miss Martha J. Tuttle, who was born in Lancaster township, and there reared and educated, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Slagle) Tuttle. Thomas Tuttle was born in Shelby county, Ohio, in 1813, and was married in Montgomery county, Ohio, to Anna Slagle, who was born in 1820. In 1836 they moved to Shelby county, Ohio, and three years later came to Huntington county, Indiana, locating at Mount Etna, where Mr. Tuttle started a cabinet shop and worked at his trade of cabinetmaker. After seven years thus spent, the family moved to Lancaster township, and there the father continued to be engaged in farming until his death in 1891, the mother surviving until 1900. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sprinkle, namely: Charles R., born October 28, 1886, a graduate of the Huntington public schools and Huntington Business University, and a farmer in Lafayette township, Allen county, Indiana, married Hazel Duffey, daughter of Amos Duffey, and has one child; and Dessie G., a graduate of the graded and high schools and the Valparaiso Uni-

versity, for one year a teacher in the public schools, and now the wife of Harry B. Bonewitz, a school teacher of Mount Etna, with one child.

Mr. and Mrs. Sprinkle are members of the Christian church at Kelso, Indiana, in which both have been decidedly active, Mr. Sprinkle having served as a member of the building committee when the new church edifice was erected. In political matters he has always been a republican and has been active in civic affairs, serving as supervisor of his district for seven years, and as superintendent of the Salamonie and Infirmary gravel roads and being known as one of the best superintendents, in the line of work accomplished, that Huntington county has known. For the last six years Mr. Sprinkle has given road work his entire attention; he has made the public highway a study, and his practical experience for years has taught him when and how to repair and maintain the highways. He has been such a booster of good roads that he is known over the county as "Sprinkle the good roads man."

Jacob E. Shafer. Three miles northeast of Warren at stop No. 18 on the Marion, Bluffton and Eastern Traction Company, is the situation of the country home of Jacob E. Shafer and family. As a farm it represents the highest standards of cultivation and productivity, and not only for its commercial value but for its long associations with the Shafer name is it prized by its present owner. Mr. Shafer was an infant when brought to this farm by his parents over fifty years ago, has grown up and spent all his life in one community, and in all that time his neighbors have never known anything but good of him and his relations with business, church, social and the moral interests of the community. He is a fine class of Huntington county citizen.

Born in Butler county, Ohio, March 18, 1862, Jacob E. Shafer is one of the six children of George E. and Margaret (Wolfe) Shafer. He was the youngest in the family, and was one year of age when George Shafer brought the family to Huntington county in 1863. The father paid a thousand dollars for a quarter section of heavily timbered land in Salamonie township, and it is a portion of that old homestead which is now owned and occupied by Jacob E. Shafer. The woodlands and the cultivated fields of the old farm provided a stimulating environment for the youth of Jacob Shafer, and when not otherwise employed by the duties of home he attended district school No. 6 of that township. His education was finished at the age of eighteen, and thenceforward he was a practical worker and more than paid his way both as a youth and as a man. When he was twenty he started out for himself, and practically ever since has farmed the same land. His homestead comprises sixty acres of the original one hundred and sixty bought by his father in 1863.

On October 1, 1887, Mr. Shafer married Anna E. Poling. She was born in Rock Creek township of Huntington county February 3, 1866, a daughter of Silas and Margaret (Goss) Poling. Her early years were spent on a farm in Wells county. When she was nine she lost her mother, and thereafter made her home with Almeda Irick, and previous to her marriage earned her own way by working at a weekly wage. Her educa-

tion was acquired in the common schools of Wells county. In politics Mr. Shafer is one of the ardent republicans, and has taken much interest and has been influential in both township and county politics.

JOHN F. RAY. Nature has been liberal in her gifts to Huntington county, for there are few, if any, sections of the state where such ideal agricultural conditions exist. For this reason a great number of the most substantial men here are connected with farming, and their progressive and energetic efforts have resulted in the raising of agricultural standards here to a high degree. Among these men, one who has won well-merited success through individual effort is John F. Ray, the owner of fifty-five acres of good land in Polk township, on the Range Line gravel road, seven miles southwest of Huntington, and twenty-five acres in Lancaster township, just across the road from the Polk township land. Mr. Ray is a product of the farm, having been born in Liberty township, Wabash county, Indiana, March 22, 1871, a son of Alexander M. and Mary E. (Morrow) Ray.

Alexander M. Ray was born in Wabash county, Indiana, June 17, 1843, a son of Moses E. and Sarah (Brown) Ray, natives of Kentucky. Moses E. Ray served as a soldier during the Civil war, as did also Alexander M. Ray, the latter enlisting in Company K, One Hundred and First Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and in 1863 being transferred to the Fifty-eighth Regiment. At the close of the war he received his honorable discharge and returned to his farm duties in Liberty township, Wabash county. Both he and Mrs. Ray live at Mount Etna. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray: Charles, who died at the age of five years; Emma, who is the wife of Thomas Moore, of Marion, Indiana; John F., of this review; and Ella, who is the wife of Elve Russell, of Lancaster township.

John F. Ray was reared on his father's farm in Wabash county, and there received his educational training in district school No. 1. He remained at home assisting his father until his marriage at the age of twenty-six years, December 24, 1896, to Miss Emma L. Wise, who was born April 1, 1871, daughter of Peter W. and Elizabeth (Shell) Wise. Mr. Wise was born in Henry county, Indiana, and came to Huntington county in 1855, settling on the farm now owned by Mr. Ray, which he cultivated until his death, May 13, 1913. He was the father of five children, of whom three are living: Mary C., the wife of J. B. Bailey, of Huntington; Ada E., the wife of Frank L. Gordon, of Polk township; and Emma L., who was educated in the public school and became the wife of John F. Ray. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray: Myrtle R., born March 27, 1906, and now attending the public schools; and two children deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ray are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is fraternally connected with Mount Etna Lodge No. 333, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is past master and a member of the Grand Lodge; and of Mount Etna Lodge No. 304, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand and a member of the Grand Lodge; and both Mr. and Mrs. Ray

belong to Mount Olive Lodge No. 421, of the Rebekahs, in which Mrs. Ray is past noble grand, a member of the Grand Lodge, and noble grand for the year 1914. In politics Mr. Ray is a republican, but he has taken only a good citizen's interest in public matters.

Mr. Ray is one of the good, practical farmers of his community, and his activities have not alone put him in a foremost position among his township's substantial men, but have also contributed materially to the general welfare of the community. He has been engaged in a number of business ventures, being at this time a stockholder in the Majenica Telephone Company, and in every relation his associates have found him a strict adherent of the highest business ethics. His friends in Polk township are as numerous as are his acquaintances.

JOHN A. MILLER. Huntington county is noted for its fine farmsteads, and in Clear Creek township is located one of the most attractive and valuable, known as the Miller Shorthorn Stock Farm, situated four and a half miles northeast of Huntington on the Mishler Pike. Its chief industry is the breeding of registered shorthorn cattle, and many of the up-to-date farmers in all this part of Indiana depend upon the Miller stock as a nucleus of their herds. Mr. Miller has spent money, patience and labor in laying the foundation of a splendid herd of shorthorns, and his animals are now considered as good as any of that breed now to be found in the state. He is the owner of eighty acres of land, in his farm, and has some valuable property in the city of Huntington. His achievements speak for themselves, and it is hardly necessary to say that Mr. Miller has long been regarded as one of the leading citizens of Huntington county.

John A. Miller was born on a farm in Whitley county, Indiana, August 2, 1862, a son of John and Sarah A. (Seidner) Miller. John Miller, who was born in Wayne county, Ohio, October 3, 1827, was reared and married in his native county, and in 1856 moved to Indiana, and settled in Whitley county, where he followed the vocation of farming. This location was changed to Huntington county, Indiana, in 1875, and to the city of Huntington in 1898, where he resided until his death on March 7, 1912. In 1896, his first wife died, and in 1898 he was again married. By his first marriage there were thirteen children, of whom ten are still living, five sons and five daughters. The sons are mentioned as follows: Franklin E., of Whitley county; William A., of Huntington; Henry, of Clear Creek township; John A., also of Clear Creek township; and Perry E., of Jackson township. The daughters are: Mary E., wife of James W. Allen of Clear Creek township; Sarah E., wife of J. H. Neff, of Clear Creek township; Amanda E., wife of Frank Emley, of Lafayette township, Whitley county; and Irena J., wife of C. C. Howenstein, of Clear Creek township; and Minerva, wife of Newton Chenoweth, of Huntington.

Mr. John A. Miller was about twelve years of age when the family located in Huntington county. His training up to that time had been in the common schools of Whitley county, and he finished his education

in this county. His home was with his parents until he was twenty-three years of age, and after he was nineteen he received wages for his work. In the meantime, Mr. Miller had learned the carpenter trade, and followed that as a workman for several years, and it is a skill which has been very useful to him in his subsequent career as an independent farmer.

On January 13, 1887, occurred the marriage of John A. Miller with Mary N. Fairchild, of Whitley county. She was born in that county, was educated in the common schools, and belonged to one of the old and well known families in that vicinity. To their marriage have been born five children: Jessie E., a graduate of the common schools and now the wife of H. O. Colclasser of Clear Creek township; Mertie E., a graduate of the common schools and the wife of Howard Haines; Flora M., who finished her work in the common schools; Ida, also a graduate of the common schools; and Marshall J., who is four years of age.

The Miller family have membership in the Brethren church, Mr. Miller being one of the deacons in the Clear Creek township church. His politics is that of the democratic party, and his part in community affairs has always been that of the good citizen, but he has never sought the distinctions of political office.

George W. Kapp. Coming to the United States a young man of twenty-six, without much knowledge of the English language, and handicapped by the lack of financial support, excepting whatever work he could find in order that he might get a start, and gradually working his way upward and making a place for himself among the successful men of his community—such has been in brief the career of George W. Kapp, now a substantial farmer citizen in Clear Creek township, and who during his residence of more than a quarter of a century in Huntington county has won and enjoyed the high esteem of all citizens.

George W. Kapp was born in Germany, March 7, 1858, a son of John and Barbara A. (Wehr) Kapp, both of whom spent all their lives in their native Fatherland. There were four children in the family, three sons and one daughter, namely: George W.; Michael, who died at the age of nine years; Barbara, who is married and living in Germany; and Adam, who also lives in Germany.

The early life of George W. Kapp was spent on the farm in his native land. His education was continued in the public schools, up to the time he was fourteen years of age. His early training was all directed towards a career in agriculture, and in the preparation for his life work he spent some time in an agricultural school. With this equipment he was fitted for work as a farm foreman, and spent two years in that occupation before he became of age. Mr. Kapp saw three years of service in the German army, according to the requirements of his native land, and came out of the army with the grade of sergeant. His age at the time of leaving military service was twenty-three years, and following that he was for two years foreman on a farm.

On the first day of May in 1884, Mr. Kapp set out for the United

States, landing at Baltimore on May 24, and on May 26 arrived in the city of Huntington. The first three years were spent as an employe in the lime kilns of W. T. Bryant. This was followed by three years of farm work, and then for three years he rented a farm. Mr. Kapp then bought a small place in Polk township, lived there for five years, and after selling out, rented the Roach farm in Huntington township. That was his home for five years, and he next rented the Conrad Lynn farm, for a similar period. In the meantime Mr. Kapp bought what is known as the Haney farm in Clear Creek township, and since taking possession he has devoted all his energies and his accumulated experience to the proper management and improvement of same. There are eighty acres in his homestead, and with the thrifty enterprise of his race, he makes every acre of his land pay a profit. He raises registered Holstein cattle and Duroc hogs.

Mr. Kapp married Anna Learnbucher, who was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1884. They are the parents of four children: Fred, George J., Magdalene and Anna L. All have been given the advantages of the local schools, and have been trained to the same thrifty habits and honorable principles which have characterized their parents in all their relations with the community of Huntington county. The family are members of the Catholic church, and in politics Mr. Kapp has regularly supported the democratic party since becoming an American citizen.

Lewis Shinkel. Probably no citizen of Huntington county has had a more interesting business career than Lewis Shinkel, who is known as a farmer, fruit grower, dealer in automobiles, and especially as proprietor of the Shinkel Fruit Farm in section 33 of Clear Creek township. Success has come to him, and it has been worthily won. The story of his career, and a brief outline of his work have a very appropriate place in this history of Huntington county.

Lewis Shinkel was born in Dallas township of Huntington county in May, 1867, a son of Nicholas and Catherine (Diefenbaucher) Shinkel. His father was three years old when his parents left Germany, their native land, and came to America, and when he was thirteen years old the home was established in Dallas township of Huntington county. Among the hills of that township his boyhood was spent, and his education was both practical and literary, his time being divided between the work on the homestead and in attendance at the local district institution of learning. In Dallas township he married Catherine Diefenbaucher, who was born in Ohio, and of German parentage, her father having located in Dallas township about the same time the Shinkels came. She was then about fourteen years of age. Nicholas Shinkel and wife, after their marriage bought land and started as farmers, in moderate circumstances, but managing to provide the necessities and comforts for their large family of ten children. They were of the thrifty German stock, and the pioneer labor of clearing and tilling the soil presented no hardships which they were afraid to face. However, the necessity of hard

labor pursued month after month and year after year, caused education to be a minor factor in family life, and the children had only limited advantages in the local schools. Lewis Shinkel, who was fifth in order of birth in the family attended school when opportunity was presented, but most of his education was acquired by learning to perform the practical duties of the home and from the age of sixteen all his time and labor were spent in assisting his parents. Until he was twenty-two years of age, he lived at home, and then started out for himself at wages of fifty cents per day.

Mr. Shinkel's first introduction to commercial salesmanship indicates his quick intelligence and grasp of opportunities. One day a man came to his father's home, selling linens, and being discouraged offered to sell the entire stock at a bargain. Young Lewis offered him ten dollars for the outfit, and quickly had possession of the entire pack of goods. With this stock Lewis Shinkel started out on the road as a peddler. In a short time he had sold all the goods at a handsome profit, and with this encouraging beginning set out for Huntington to find the man from whom he had bought the outfit. On the way he fell in with a friend who induced him to take up the sale of nursery stock, and he quickly proved his ability as a distributer of fruit trees over a large territory. His success as a salesman in nursery goods opened the way for his larger business career. Mr. Shinkel has made a thorough study of fruit growing, and for years has been one of the leading authorities in northern Indiana, on the planting, the selection of the stock, and all departments in the fruit raising industry. This thorough knowledge of the business, combined with his exceptional talents as a salesman has enabled him to build up a business second to none of its kind in Huntington county. The Shinkel fruit farm is located three miles northwest of Huntington, and comprises forty-seven acres of land. The attractive and interesting feature of this farm is what is called a "fruit avenue." This avenue consists of a double row of fruit trees on each side of the highway, bordering the farm, and the general public are privileged to help themselves to all the luscious products found on those trees that afford both fruit and shade to passers-by. During the past six years Mr. Shinkel has also inaugurated another scheme, whereby he puts out fruit trees to persons on the "shares." He furnishes the trees and instructs the farmers in the planting, caring and pruning, and then receives as his share one-fourth of the crops during the fourth, fifth and sixth years after the trees have been set out. This has proved a very successful venture, and Mr. Shinkel now has fifty-five thousand trees growing on this plan.

Mr. Shinkel is a very progressive man and takes an active interest in the Farmers Institute, and has delivered many valuable talks on fruit raising before the meetings of farmers. His fruit raising industry is of itself a large business, and would content many men of less energy and ambition. However, Mr. Shinkel finds time to supervise other affairs. He is one of the most successful automobile salesmen in the state, and during 1912 headed the list of Studebaker salesmen in Indiana, a gold medal having been awarded him for his record of sales. His garage is

called the "Big Four," and is located immediately in the rear of the Huntington Hotel. Mr. Shinkel is also a stockholder in the National Life Insurance Company of Chicago.

Mr. Shinkel married Sarah E. Bruch. They have two daughters: Grace, a graduate of the Huntington high school; and Marie, a graduate of the common schools and now pursuing her studies in the high school at Huntington. Mrs. Shinkel died in 1912, and her husband and daughters now live on their beautiful farm estate in Clear Creek township. Mr. Shinkel has membership in the German Lutheran church, and fraternally is affiliated with Huntington Lodge No. 93 Knights of Pythias. A man of honor, integrity, of valuable citizenship and industry and enterprise, he has long been one of Huntington county's prominent citizens.

Harvey R. Hippensteel. Now one of the most prosperous farmers of Clear Creek township, and a citizen whose services have often contributed to the general advancement and public welfare of his community, Harvey R. Hippensteel began his career practically without any of the capital which is supposed to be necessary to successful endeavor. He is a substantial man, has won his prosperity by hard work, and in public affairs is honored for his services as a soldier during the Spanish-American war, and for a brief time he also served as trustee of Clear Creek township.

Harvey R. Hippensteel was born on a farm in Kosciusko county, October 1, 1873, a son of Henry and Naomi (Misener) Hippensteel. The father was born in Pennsylvania and the mother was a native of Ohio. The respective families came to Wabash county, Indiana, and it was there that the father and mother grew up in the same neighborhood and there acquaintance finally ripened into marriage. They lived for some years in Kosciusko county, later in Wabash county, and finally in Huntington county, where the father lived in Warren township until 1903. February, 1893, the mother died, and the father subsequently married in Goshen, Indiana, where he still resides. Henry Hippensteel made a record as a soldier during the Civil war. His first service was in the Forty-seventh Indiana Regiment, and he was soon discharged for disability. Later he veteranized and became a soldier of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Indiana Regiment, with which command he continued until the close of the war. He and his first wife were the parents of nine children, five of whom are still living: O. A. Hippensteel, a farmer in Michigan; Harvey R.; Maude, who is married and living in Huntington township; Guy G., a farmer in Clear Creek township; and Marvin of Clear Creek township.

When Harvey R. Hippensteel was a child his parents moved from Kosciusko county to Wabash county, he being four years of age at the time. His years were spent in that county until he was twelve, and at that time, the family moved to Warren township in Huntington county. His schooling was therefore divided between the schools of Wabash and Huntington county, and after leaving the common schools he attended the Valparaiso University, the Marion Normal College and still later

the Huntington Business College. Mr. Hippensteel is a self-made and self-educated man, in the sense that all his college training was acquired by his own earnings, and he is the type of man who is constantly looking ahead and striving to better his horizon of opportunities. During his early career he spent seven terms as a teacher in district country schools. He later was employed in Chicago, and while bookkeeper for the firm of the Chicago Handle-Bar Company, the Spanish-American war came on and he left his employment to enlist as a soldier. His enlistment was on June 17, 1898, when he became a member of Company K of the One Hundred and Sixtieth Indiana Regiment. His regiment saw two months of service in Cuba, until the end of the war, and he was mustered out at Savannah, Georgia.

Mr. Hippensteel married Mary E. Spimkle, who was born June 21, 1876, a daughter of H. S. and Mary (Storm) Spimkle. Himself a teacher, Mr. Hippensteel made good choice of his wife, from the ranks of the same profession. Mrs. Hippensteel who was first educated in the district schools and later in the Marion Normal College, was for eight years a successful teacher in Huntington county. To their marriage is one living child, Dale E., born November 15, 1903. Mrs. Hippensteel is a member of the Progressive Brethren.

In politics Mr. Hippensteel has always accorded loyalty to the republican party until the campaign of 1912, when he cast his vote for the progressive cause. By appointment from the county commissioners he served as trustee of Clear Creek township, but resigned before the expiration of his term. As a farmer, he is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land. He does general farming and stock raising and has found in his present vocation a full outlet for his energies and all the opportunities that could be desired for business success and has gained a satisfying share of prosperity and made himself and family a good home.

Edward Smith. The comfort, health and safety of the public depends largely on the efficiency of those who fill positions of responsibility and probably no one man has more multiplied duties in this direction than has the street commissioner of a busy, bustling city where thousands daily hasten to and fro carrying on the various activities and pleasures of life. Huntington, Indiana, since 1909, has had, in Edward Smith, a public official well qualified through years of business experience to fill the office of street commissioner, to which he was appointed by Hon. Milo Feightner, Mayor of Huntington.

Edward Smith was born June 16, 1867, in Wabash county, Indiana, the youngest of a family of nine children born to his parents, Samuel and Margaret (Dick) Smith. Both parents and eight of their nine children were born in Germany. When they came to the United States they landed in New York harbor and from there came to Wabash county, Indiana. The father was able to provide well for his family, being an experienced stonecutter, stone mason and bricklayer. Edward Smith attended school in Wabash county, first being a pupil in the public school

but later having better advantages in a private or select school. Both he and an older brother, Valentine Smith, learned the associated trades of stonecutter, brick mason and layer and then entered into a partnership, under the style of Smith Brothers, which continued for twelve years and was then dissolved by mutual consent. On account of his wife's failing health and in the hope that a milder climate might benefit her, Mr. Smith moved to Cleveland, Texas, but, upon finding no such encouragement, returned to Indiana and located in Huntington county and since then has lived during the greater part of the time in the city of Huntington. After settling in this county he soon built up a prosperous business in contracting and building, his work covering dwelling and business houses, schoolhouses and churches, and the quality of his energy and enterprise was shown, when, after the great fire that practically destroyed Markle, he rebuilt nine of the business houses in ninety days. He continued his contracting business until he was appointed street commissioner, the duties of which office demand all of his time.

In 1891 Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Carrie Brobender, who was born in Germany, and they have the following children: Lena, Lawrence, Mildred, Edward, Jr., and Dorothy. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the German Reformed church. In his political affiliation Mr. Smith is a democrat.

Ezra F. Shock. The Highland Farm in Clear Creek township, of which Mr. Shock is proprietor has for many years borne a high reputation among stock raisers, especially for its Jersey cattle, and the present owner has jealously guarded the substantial reputation of his stock, and as a result there are few men in the county who have upheld the standards of the stock business more uniformly through a course of many years. Mr. Shock has lived in Huntington county nearly all his life, a period of about fifty years, has acquired a substantial interest in the agriculture and general civic affairs and has also been honored with positions of public trust and responsibility.

Ezra F. Shock was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, near the city of Dayton, March 16, 1860, a son of Henry and Mary (Flory) Shock. The mother died in 1907 while the father still lives in Clear Creek township. Both were natives of Montgomery county, Ohio, where they grew up in the same neighborhood, were educated in the district schools, and were married. In August, 1864, when their son Ezra was four years of age they moved to Huntington county and located in Clear Creek township. The father through many active years followed farming, and is now one of the oldest residents of this section of Huntington county. There were eleven children in the family, and all but one are still living: Ezra F.; Clare, the widow of Samuel Beverly; Cora, wife of David Colclazer; Rosella, unmarried; Joseph H., who is principal of the schools in Lafayette, Indiana; William A., teacher of manual training in the Huntington public schools; Rev. D. W., a minister of the Brethren church; Harvey M., a farmer in Clear Creek township; Jennie, wife of Edwin Miller; Arminda, wife of C. E. Schlusser.

It was in Clear Creek township that Ezra F. Shock spent his early years, and until he was about eighteen his time was divided between attendance at the district schools in the winter and work on the farm during the summer. His father operated a sawmill in the township and he was early made an assistant in the conduct of that enterprise.

Soon after he became of age, in December, 1881, Mr. Shock established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Sarah Buckwalter, a daughter of George Buckwalter. Mrs. Shock was educated in the district schools of Huntington county. After their marriage they settled on a farm, and from that time forward their prosperity has been steadily on the increase. For a quarter of a century Mr. Shock has made a specialty of the breeding of pure strains of Jersey cattle, and his progressiveness in this as in every other enterprise he takes hold of has been the source of generous profit. Mr. Shock is the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land, and the farm for a number of years has been well known among stock raisers throughout this part of Indiana as the Highland Farm. In addition to his farm Mr. Shock finds his time pretty well employed through his position as solicitor and adjuster for the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association. In this position he has charge of territory including Jackson, Clear Creek, Warren, Dallas, Huntington, and Union townships.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Shock were born six children: Albert W., who is married and lives in Dayton, Ohio; Effie B., the wife of Charles S. Lingle; Laura, a graduate of the Clear Creek high school, and now a teacher in the schools at Richmond, Indiana; George A., unmarried and living in the southern states; Davis E., unmarried; and Mabel E., at home. Mrs. Shock is an active member of the Brethren church. In politics Mr. Shock has for years given his active support to the democratic interests, and has done much as a leader in his party in this part of Huntington county. He was elected and served four years as assessor of his township.

Phineas Hanline. One of the oldest native sons of Clear Creek township is Phineas Hanline, who was born in that locality of Huntington county nearly seventy years ago, has lived here quietly but with substantial prosperity, and has proved himself a good citizen, a hard worker, an energetic provider for his family, and a man whose influence has always been on the side of right and progress.

Phineas Hanline was born in Clear Creek township of Huntington county, July 18, 1845, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Fetters) Hanline, who were among the pioneers in this section of the state. They were born, reared and married in Stark county, Ohio, and in 1840 moved to Indiana, and located in Clear Creek township. There the father lived until his death at the age of forty-nine, and his widow survived him until she was past eighty-eight and did a noble part by her children, rearing them and keeping the homestead intact until all its members were self supporting. Seven of the eight children are still living, the family being mentioned as follows: Phineas; Flora, wife of George Andrews; Mar-

garet A., deceased; Jackson, of Whitley county, Indiana; Jacob, of Huntington; Martin, of Huntington; Sidney, wife of Jacob Stoner, of Whitley county; Agnes, wife of Moses Crum, of Fort Wayne.

Phineas Hanline was reared and educated in Clear Creek township, spent his youth on a farm, was trained to the work of farming from an early age and since starting out for himself has made all his prosperity as a result of close attention to business and a talent for management of land and its crops.

On December 12, 1875, Mr. Hanline was married in Clear Creek township to Miss Lucy A. Hoke, who was born in Ohio, but was reared in this county. To their union were born nine children, mentioned as follows: Perry E., a farmer in Clear Creek township; Maude, wife of Alfred Keel; Burdell, who lives in the state of Oregon; Albert, of Michigan; Belva and Bernice, twins; Chester, who lives at home and is unmarried; Katie, wife of Ben Stahlsmith, of Whitley county; and Maggie, deceased.

The family are all members of the German Baptist church, and in politics Mr. Hanline is a republican. When he and his wife got married they started out with practically nothing and all their prosperity has been the direct result of their individual efforts. At the present time the Hanline home in section 16 comprises ninety-three acres of well cultivated and highly improved farm lands.

James W. Wilson. One of the old families of Union township is represented by James W. Wilson, who with his wife and family have had their home on their present attractive rural estate in that township for more than twenty years. Mr. Wilson himself came to Huntington county when a boy, and during his lifetime here has not only been constantly progressing himself, but has witnessed many remarkable changes in the country about him.

James W. Wilson was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in Walnut township, January 13, 1846, a son of James and Anna (Bibler) Wilson. His father was a native of Maryland, and was fourteen years of age when he came with his parents to Fairfield county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, and where he met and married Anna Bibler, who was also reared in that county. From Ohio the family moved to Huntington county, Indiana, in 1864, and eighty acres of land at Brown's Corners was the first homestead in this county. There the father lived until his death on January 24, 1890, while his wife passed away May 21, 1876. There were eleven children, three of whom are still living, including James, George W. of Brown's Corners, and Anthony W. of Kansas.

James W. Wilson was eighteen years old when he came to Huntington county, and as a boy his opportunities for getting an education were limited, and he has made his own way through life, and prospered more than the average. For a number of years he worked as a farm hand, and gradually accumulated enough to make an independent start. On September 25, 1875, Mr. Wilson married Saloma M. Forst, who was born May 1, 1857, a daughter of George Forst. Her birth occurred in Warren

township of this county, and as she grew up she attended the common schools of the district in which she was reared. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wilson settled in Union township, and have been very successful as farmers and stock raisers. In 1892 they located on the farm where they still live. One daughter was born to their union, Iva M., in December, 1876. She received, besides a common school education, training in music, and is now the competent wife of Oscar Hurdle of Union township, and the mother of five sons. Mr. Wilson affiliated with the Star of Hope Lodge No. 464, I. O. O. F., of which he was a charter member. In politics his affiliation has always been with the democratic party, though never an aspirant for office.

George W. Lahr. One of the well cultivated and valuable agricultural properties of Huntington county is the Spotted Stock Farm, a tract consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, located one and one-half miles south of Andrews, Indiana, in Dallas township, on the Andrews and Monument City gravel road. The proprietor of this farm, George W. Lahr, is one of the progressive and energetic men of his community, and has won success through well directed and persistent effort, at the same time giving his influence and means to the betterment of society, to schools and church, to the support of good government and order and to industries which he has believed have been calculated to promote the interests of this section of the Hoosier state.

Mr. Lahr is thoroughly informed as to climate and soil conditions in Dallas township, for he has resided here all his life. He was born on a farm in Polk township, in September, 1858, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Sperb) Lahr, natives of Germany. He is a grandson on the paternal side of Jacob and Marie (Mathias) Lahr and a great-grandson of Ulrich Lahr, who married a Miss Corell. The great-grandparents immigrated from Germany to America in 1842, locating in the then wilderness of Clear Creek township, Huntington county, Indiana, where they spent the remainder of their lives, and nearly all the Lahrs in this county are their descendants. Jacob and Marie (Mathias) Lahr left their native land of Germany for the United States in 1852, and they also established their home in Clear Creek township. They were accompanied on the voyage by their sons and daughters, excepting Jacob, who came over in 1851 with a friend. Jacob Lahr was born in Rhine Bavaria, Germany, in 1836, and was about fourteen years of age at the time of the immigration. In Huntington county he met and married Catherine Sperb, who was born in the Rhine Province of Hessendarmstadt in 1836, and was twenty years of age when she came to this country. After their marriage they settled on a property in section 11, Polk township, and they resided there until 1872, in which year they moved to section 2, in the same township, two miles south of Andrews, their farm there continuing to be their home and Mr. Lahr's field of agricultural operations until death. Nine children were born to Jacob and Catherine Lahr, of whom eight survive: J. F., a resident of Oklahoma; Elizabeth, who is the wife of H. G. Miller, of Union township,

Huntington county; Susie, who is the wife of A. C. Hahn, of Polk township; Emma, the wife of William Gephart, of Allen county, Indiana; Eli, whose home is at Lincoln, Nebraska; Barbara, who married John P. Miller, of Polk township; and Zachary T., who resides at Cache, Oklahoma.

George W. Lahr was reared on the home farm in section 11, Polk township, until he was fourteen years of age, and then accompanied the family to the property in section 2. He was given his educational training in school district No. 1 during the short winter terms, but, like most boys of his day and locality, during the summer months he was expected to assist his father and brothers in cultivating the home fields. He grew up an industrious and ambitious youth, and continued to remain under the parental roof until 1897, in which year he purchased the nucleus of his present property, which has since been developed into one of the finest farms of its size in this part of the county. Aside from his general farming operations, in which he has been successful, Mr. Lahr is known as a scientific breeder of fine horses and cattle, as well as hogs. His specialty, from which his property derives its name, is the Spotted Arabian horse, his product at all times demanding a high price in the market. As a business man he is far sighted and capable, and his associates know him as a man of the utmost integrity, while his signature is always honored on commercial paper. During his long residence in Dallas township he has formed a wide acquaintance, and in this he numbers many warm friends. He has always supported republican principles and candidates but otherwise has not been particularly active in politics.

Jacob Karst, whose labor has been the measure of his success, has for some years been numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of Lancaster township. Years ago he started his operations with no capital save energy, determination, an active body and a strong mind; today he is the owner of 200 acres of valuable land lying five and one-half miles southwest of Huntington. He is, moreover, a citizen who has gained the trust and confidence of his fellow men through a life of industry and integrity, so that he figures prominently in public as well as agricultural circles of his section. Mr. Karst was born in Hancock county, Ohio, April 24, 1852, and is a son of Peter and Anna (Zeigler) Karst.

Peter Karst was born in Germany, and as a young man he decided to cast his lot with the citizens of the United States, of whose country he had heard such glowing tales. Accordingly, he came to this country, and after a short stay in New York, his landing point, made his way to Pennsylvania, where he met and married Anna Zeigler, a native of the Keystone state. Subsequently they moved on to Hancock county, Ohio, then to Henry county, Indiana, and finally to Huntington county, this state, and in the spring of 1865 located in Polk township, where Mr. Karst continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout the balance of his life. He was the father of five sons and four daugh-

ters, and of these children four are living in 1913: Peter, who is a resident of Huntington, Indiana; Jacob; Barney W., a resident of Montana; and Sylvester, whose home is in Polk township.

Jacob Karst received his education in the schools of Ohio and Indiana, in the vicinities in which the family lived from time to time. He was a lad of thirteen years when brought to Huntington county, and here he assisted his father in the cultivation of the home property, growing up to sturdy manhood and learning thoroughly every branch of the farming industry. He remained as his father's assistant until he was twenty-seven years of age, and during this time, through industry and right living, through thrift, economy and good management, he saved some $1,200. Deciding to establish a home of his own, he was married in 1879 to Miss Mary B. Miller, of Huntington township, and they began housekeeping on the farm on which they now reside, and on which they have continued to live with the exception of three years when Mr. Karst was looking after the old homestead. The present property of 200 acres has been accumulated by steady industry, and has been brought to a high state of cultivation. Its buildings are substantial and modern in character, its improvements of the best and its machinery of the latest manufacture. The sleek, well-fed and content livestock testifies to Mr. Karst's abilities as a raiser of cattle, horses and hogs. Mr. and Mrs. Karst are consistent members of the Catholic church of Sts. Peter and Paul at Huntington, and he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph's Society. He is a democrat in politics, but has never found time for public office, and had he done so it is doubtful if his quiet and unassuming nature would have allowed him to accept preferment.

Mr. and Mrs. Karst have been the parents of twelve children, of whom ten survive in 1913: Anna, who is the wife of Edward Morris, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Florence, who married John Blomeke, of Steuben county, Indiana; Edward J., who is married to Anna Scher and resides in Lancaster township; George, of Lancaster township, who married Edith Scher; and Joseph, Mary, Julius, Jacob, Jr., Catherine, and Vergelia, all single and residing at home with their parents.

David L. Reynolds. Well known in Huntington county, especially among the investors and land owners, David L. Reynolds has been extensively engaged in real estate operations in various counties of Northern Indiana for twenty years or more. His primary business is that of farmer, and his thorough experience in that line has enabled him to handle land for others with unusual success.

David L. Reynolds was born at Amboy in Miami county, Indiana, in 1866. Reared on a farm, with an education acquired in the local schools, he located at Converse after reaching his majority, and there did his first business as a real estate man. He was one of the factors in the movement which began about twenty years ago, as a result of which there was a somewhat marked exodus from the high priced farming districts of Illinois into Indiana and Ohio and Michigan, where farms at that time

could be bought much cheaper, though the quality of land was equal to the best Illinois soil. Mr. Reynolds' operations were directed toward transferring Illinois farmers to the lands of Grant and Miami counties, and as a result of his operations and of others similarly engaged, the value of land in those counties advanced from an average price of forty dollars to as high as a hundred and fifty dollars per acre.

Some years ago Mr. Reynolds located on a fine farm in Wells county, where he is the owner of one of the best quarter sections in the county. His farm lies a little west of Bluffton. He has his offices in Bluffton, but his operations extend over both Wells and Huntington counties. Mr. Reynolds is a hustling and successful farmer and real estate dealer, and has won all his success through his own energy and good judgment.

William F. Eberhart. It is gratifying to be able to incorporate in this history specific record concerning a goodly quota of those sterling citizens who are ably upholding the prestige of Huntington county as a field of the best order of agricultural industry, and special consistency is given to the recognition here accorded to the representative farmer and stock-grower whose name initiates this paragraph, for he is also a native of the county and a member of one of its prominent and honored pioneer families. He is the owner of a well improvel farm in Clear Creek township and is a citizen whose influence and co-operation are invariably given in support of measures and enterprises advanced for the general good of the community. His steadfast character is vouched for by the unequivocal popularity he enjoys in the county that has ever been his home and in which he has achieved worthy success.

William F. Eberhart was born on the old homestead farm of his father, in Warren township, Huntington county, Indiana, on the 4th of January, 1868, and is a son of Linus and Elizabeth (Ade) Eberhart, the former of whom was born in Prussia and the latter in the state of Ohio. Linus Eberhart was born in the province of Hohenzollern, Prussia, on the 16th of September, 1833, and was a son of Michael and Barbara (Henger) Eberhart, both of whom were born and reared in that district of the great empire of Germany. They came to America in 1854 or 1855. Their vessel was held in quarantine in New York harbor, where Michael Eberhart died of cholera and was buried in the ocean. Barbara Eberhart lived with her children until her death and is buried in the cemetery at the German church north of Andrews. Linus Eberhart was reared to maturity in his native province, where he was afforded the advantages of the common schools, and in 1852, when about nineteen years of age, he severed the ties that bound him to home and fatherland and set forth to win for himself a position of independence and due prosperity in the United States. He located in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, where he lived until 1855, and in that year came to Indiana and established his home on a pioneer farm in Wabash county. He was married October 7, 1858, and in 1860 came to Huntington county and located on a farm in Warren township. Linus Eberhart became the owner of one of the valuable farm properties of that township, and the development and improvement

of the same represented the concrete results of his own energy and good management. He was one of the substantial, upright and honored citizens of Huntington county and continued to reside on his old homestead place until his death, which occurred in March, 1897. His cherished and devoted wife survived him by more than a decade and was summoned to eternal rest on the 16th of January, 1909, revered by all who had come within the compass of her gentle influence. Concerning the children the following brief record is entered: Eliza is the wife of Clayton Rodkey; Christina K. is the wife of Samuel L. Emley; Lydia M. is the wife of George Loman; William F., of this review, was the next in order of birth; Emma A. is the wife of Edward F. Deemer; Jacob H. died on the 22nd of April, 1894; and Samuel F., who married Miss Della Farmer, continues to maintain his residence in Huntington county. The parents were consistent members of the Evangelical Lutheran church and their lives were guided and governed by the highest principles of integrity and honor, so that their memory is cherished in the county that long represented their home.

William F. Eberhart found his childhood and youth compassed by the benignant influence and discipline of the old homestead farm and he was not denied the best available educational advantages, as he continued to attend the district schools, during the winter terms, until he was twenty years of age, in the meanwhile having effectively assisted in the work and management of the home farm. That he made good use of his educational advantages is shown by the fact that he was a member of the first class to be graduated in the public schools of Warren township and that he passed the examination which gained to him a teacher's certificate. As a representative pedagogic profession Mr. Eberhart proved most popular and successful, and he continued to teach in the district schools from 1888 to 1900, his services in this line having been confined entirely to the schools of Warren and Clear Creek townships. The discipline, with incidental application to higher branches of study, enabled him to round out a symmetrical and academic education of liberal order, and he is known as a man of broad information and mature judgment.

At the time of his marriage, in 1889, the financial resources of Mr. Eberhart were very limited, and his first independent farming operations thereafter were on rented land. Two years later, however, he purchased forty-eighty acres, in Clear Creek township, and from this modest nucleus he has developed his present fine landed estate, which comprises two hundred acres of most productive land, in Clear Creek and Warren townships. Mr. Eberhart has been indefatigable in his efforts, which have been directed with circumspection and marked discrimination, and through his own energy and ability he has become one of the substantial agriculturists and stock-growers of his native state, with his position further fortified by the unqualified esteem accorded to him by all who know him. He is one of the alert and progressive citizens of Huntington county, liberal and public-spirited, and he is an influential citizen of the county which has ever been his home. He is treasurer of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Association, a strong and popular corporation.

In politics Mr. Eberhart is a stanch prohibitionist and he has been zealous and efficient in promoting the party cause, while he never fails to vote in harmony with his convictions. Both he and his wife are valued and active members of the United Brethren church at Makin, Warren township.

On the 27th of October, 1889, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Eberhart to Miss Cora E. Myers, who has proved a devoted wife and helpmeet, so that the relations of the home are of ideal order. Mrs. Eberhart was born in Warren township, this county, on the 19th of April, 1866, and is a daughter of Anthony and Catherine (Angne) Myers, both natives of Germany and honored pioneers of Huntington county. Mrs. Eberhart has been a resident of Huntington county from the time of her birth, received her early education in the public schools of Clear Creek township, and she has a wide circle of friends in her native county. Mr. and Mrs. Eberhart became the parents of five children: Edith M., who was born on the 30th of October, 1890, was graduated in the Clear Creek High school and she remains at the parental home; Ray C., who is likewise a graduate of the high school, has proved an able and popular teacher in the district schools of his native county, where he has taught for four terms, his birth having occurred in March, 1893; Ruth M., who was born on the 22nd of November, 1896, has completed the curriculum of the high school and is teaching; Herbert L. was born on the 3rd of November, 1900, and is attending school in the home district; and Merritt E., who was born on the 2nd of June, 1902, died on the 12th of the following October. The attractive family home is known for its gracious and unassuming hospitality, which is freely extended to the many friends of both parents and children, so that it is a center of much social activity.

David C. Stults. In Huntington county Mr. David C. Stults, the present efficient and honored township assessor of Clear Creek township, has maintained his residence since his childhood days, save for a period of six years passed in the state of Kansas and a brief residence in other Indiana counties. He is a worthy representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of Huntington county, where he is well known and where his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances. He has led a life of signal activity in the various fields of enterprise in which he has directed his efforts, and his standing in the community is such as to render most consonant a brief review of his career as a consistent contributor to the history of the county that has long been his home, and in which he has an impregnable place in popular confidence and esteem. Further honor is his by reason of his having been a soldier in an Indiana regiment of the Civil war.

Mr. Stults claims the old Buckeye state as the place of his nativity. He was born on a pioneer farm in Stark county, Ohio, on the 13th of February, 1845, and is a son of John and Mary (Becher) Stults, who were born and reared in Pennsylvania, where their marriage was solemnized and where they continued to reside until their removal to Ohio. In the latter state they maintained their home in Stark county until

1848, when they came to Huntington county, Indiana, and settled on a partially improved farm in the northeast corner of Warren township. John Stults reclaimed much of his land to cultivation and became one of the representative agriculturists of Warren township, where he continued to reside on his old homestead for many years, his death having occurred in 1881 and his devoted wife having survived him by several years. Of the seven children only two are now living—David C., of this review, and Amanda J., who is the widow of Jacob D. Howenstine.

David C. Stults was a child three years old at the time the family removed from Ohio to Huntington county, and he continued to reside on the old homestead farm until he had attained the age of fourteen years. His early educational advantages were limited to a somewhat desultory attendance in the primitive common schools of the locality and period, but he has not failed to profit duly from the lessons since learned in the stern school of experience, so that he has become a man of broad views and mature judgment. At the age of fourteen years Mr. Stults initiated his semi-independent career, by obtaining employment in a sawmill. He familiarized himself with the practical details of this line of industry and in a later period operated a sawmill on his own responsibility. At the age of twenty-four years Mr. Stults wedded Miss Henrietta Eva Minnich, their union having been solemnized on the 31st of May, 1869, and soon after this important event in his career Mr. Stults established his residence in the village of Roanoke, Huntington county, where he became associated with his father-in-law, Michael Minnich, in the conducting of a gristmill. He was thus engaged for a period of three years and he then removed to Whitley county, this state, where he operated a sawmill for a number of years, his connection with this line of industrial enterprise having covered a total of about fourteen years, and his operations having been attended with substantial success. After his retirement from the sawmill business Mr. Stults devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits in Huntington county until 1885, when he removed with his family to Kansas, where he was engaged in farming and working at the carpenter's trade during a term of six years. He then returned to his old home county and located at Goblesville, where he has since maintained his residence and where his attractive homestead is a comfortable dwelling, the property including an acre of ground and being owned by him. Mr. Stults has distinctive mechanical skill and ability and after his return to this county he was employed for several years as head sawyer in the sawmill operated by John Goble, at Goblesville.

Mr. Stults was but sixteen years of age at the time when the Civil war was precipitated on the nation, and in 1864, at the age of nineteen years, he was able to give decisive evidence of his patriotism, as he then enlisted as a private in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which command he proceeded to the front and with which he served six months, at the expiration of which he received his honorable discharge, the war having closed with victory for the cause in which he had tendered his services. He perpetuates

the more gracious memories and associations of his military career by his affiliation with J. F. Miller Post, No. 399, Grand Army of the Republic, at Leoti, Kansas, in which organization he has held various official preferments. He was likewise affiliated with the Leoti lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he served as noble grand in 1887, and is a member of the adjunct organization, the Daughters of Rebekah, with which his wife is also affiliated. In later years the membership of Mr. Stults has been with La Fontaine Lodge, I. O. O. F., Huntington, Indiana, also the Encampment branch of the order.

In politics Mr. Stults has been found arrayed as a stanch supporter of the basic principles of the republican party, and he now designates himself a progressive republican, as he keeps himself fortified in the questions and issues of the day and never lacks the courage of his convictions. He served a number of terms in the office of justice of the peace of Clear Creek township, and has been township assessor since 1911, his administration having been marked by utmost fidelity and efficiency.

Mrs. Stults has proved a devoted companion and helpmeet to her husband, and their home is known for its ideal relations and generous hospitality. Mrs. Stults likewise is a native of Ohio, but was a child at the time of her parents' removal to Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Stults have four children, concerning whom brief record is here given: Emmett D. is engaged in the transfer business at Hoisington, Kansas; Charles H., who maintains his home in Huntington, Indiana, is a locomotive engineer by vocation and is employed as such by the Erie Railroad Company; Bessie D., who likewise resides in Huntington, is the widow of William Karnes; and Ora J. is also a resident of the city of Huntington.

James W. Campbell. Actively and industriously engaged in the prosecution of a calling upon which the wealth and support of the nation largely depends, James W. Campbell, of Jefferson township, has long been an important factor in advancing the agricultural interests of Huntington county, where he owns and operates a large and valuable farm. A son of Thomas Campbell, he was born in Van Buren township, Grant county, Indiana, October 17, 1862, coming from pioneer stock, his Grandfather Campbell having at an early day settled in section 33, Jefferson township, where he cleared and improved a homestead and on which he resided until his death.

Born in Ohio, Thomas Campbell was young when he was brought by his parents to Jefferson township. Growing to manhood on the home farm, he assisted in clearing it, and later was for many years actively engaged in the timber and ditching business, his working taking him into various parts of the state. He spent his last days in Warren, Indiana, dying March 27, 1907. In Jefferson township he married Nancy Hedrick, who is still living. Three children were born of their union: Margaret C.; Leah L. (who died at the age of ten years) and James W.

James W. Campbell spent his boyhood days in Wayne township and in Liberty township of Wabash county, attending school in both places.

Choosing farming as his life occupation, he made a study of the different branches of agriculture, and when he had accumulated enough money wisely invested it in land. In 1890 he bought his present farm in Jefferson township, where he owns two hundred and thirty-four and three-fourths acres of land, lying in the east half, southeast quarter of section 8, and in the east half of the northeast quarter of section 17, and a part of the northwest quarter of section 16. Since taking possession of his farm in 1891 Mr. Campbell erected a dwelling in the opening that he cleared, has tiled the land or ditched it, and each year adds to its improvements and value, as well as to its attractiveness.

Mr. Campbell married, July 14, 1883, Emma Johnson, who was born in Van Buren township, Grant county, Indiana, a daughter of William Johnson. Left motherless when she was an infant, she early developed a taste and talent for domestic duties, and at the age of eleven years was keeping house for her father, she being the youngest of a family of fourteen children. She subsequently worked for herself until her marriage. Four sons and two daughters have been born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, but the daughters, Nellie and Hazel E., died in infancy. The sons are: Burr E., of Jefferson township, who married Izora Cain; Cliff L., a resident of Illinois, who married Dessie Long; Russell H., of Jefferson township, who married Geraldine Mote; and Roy Mc., a pupil in the public schools.

Two years after his marriage Mr. Campbell commenced carrying the mail on the Star route from Pleasant Plain to Marion, and thus continued for two years. He then went to Warren and carried the mail from there to Huntington, and after four years there he in 1891 moved to his farm. In politics he is an adherent of the republican party. Religiously he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has served as class leader for sixteen years and of which he is steward.

Francis M. Leavell. Numbered among the residents of Huntington county is Francis M. Leavell, prominent among the substantial citizens of Rock Creek township and one of the well-to-do farming men of the township and county. He has been identified with farming activities in this county since 1874, when he came here from his native county of Randolph in Indiana, and Rock Creek township has had the good fortune to claim him as a citizen from the time when he reached his majority to the present day. He has been a potent influence in the matter of furthering the development of the farming centers of the community, and progressive ideas have not been strangers to him in the administration of his affairs.

Francis M. Leavell was born in Randolph county, Indiana, December 26, 1849, coming as a belated Christmas gift to his parents and being the seventh in order of birth in a family of eight. Four of the number are now living: William H. is a resident of Missouri; Richard A. is living in Seattle, Washington; Nancy A. is the wife of Jacob A. Hoover, of Bluffton, Indiana; and Francis M. is the subject of this brief family

review. He is the son of James M. and Ruth (Corwine) Leavell, the father a native of Kentucky, but reared in Henry county, Indiana, where he met and married Ruth Corwine. After their marriage they moved to Randolph county, where they identified themselves worthily and successfully with the substantial farming activities of their community. They were industrious and sober-minded people, possessing many worthy characteristics that made them valuable in their citizenship, and as members of the Christian church they were known for thorough-going Christian people, active in the work of the church and in the practice of Christian virtues and principles seven days in every week. Both died in Randolph county, the father in 1863 and the mother in 1852.

It was on the Randolph county farm that Francis M. Leavell was reared to the age of thirteen. He obtained his education in the common schools of that community, assisting in the work of the farm from his earliest boyhood until the time when he became dependent on his own responsibility. He was nineteen when he made his advent into Huntington county, and he located immediately in Rock Creek township. He worked as a farm hand by the year until he married Mary Sheets, the daughter of John Sheets, his employer. His marriage took place in 1874, and since that time he has been the operator of a farm of his own in this community. His place contains one hundred acres, and is one of the creditable farms of the township.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Leavell have had no children of their own they have reared two: Emma Crandall became the wife of Ulysses Coolman, of this county, and a nephew of Mr. Leavell, Martin E. Leavell, was reared in this home from the age of eight years. He is now one of the useful and prosperous citizens of Rock Creek township.

The family are members of the Christian church at Buckeye, Indiana. Mr. Leavell is a stockholder in the Farmers and Traders Bank at Markle, Indiana, and is in other ways identified with the best interests of the community of his trading point. Mrs. Leavell died on March 1, 1913, leaving a host of friends who mourn her loss. She was a good wife, and in the community where she was best known she was loved by many who knew her for her many noble attributes of character and personality.

Arthur S. Thomas. One of the valuable and splendidly improved landed estates of Wayne township is that owned by the well known and representative citizen whose name initiates this paragraph. Mr. Thomas is proprietor of Glenville and Caledonia farms, which comprise 240 acres of most productive land, and his homestead place, the first mentioned, has 160 acres, leaving eighty acres in the Caledonia farm. He is liberal and loyal as a citizen and in his chosen field of endeavor exemplifies the progressive spirit that has made Huntington county one of the most attractive and opulent sections of his native state.

Mr. Thomas was born in Wabash county, Indiana, on the 26th of May, 1877, and is a son of Daniel and Mary E. (Michael) Thomas, who still maintain their home in Wabash county, where they are known and

honored for their sterling attributes of character and for what they have accomplished in the world. Arthur S. Thomas, of this review, is the youngest of the three children and passed the days of his childhood and early youth on the home farm of his parents, in Liberty township, Wabash county. He supplemented the education received in the public schools by attending the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute for two years and Purdue University, at Lafayette for one year. His admirable educational training has been of great aid to him in directing his business and the general operations of his farms, and his success has been of unequivocal order, giving him prestige as one of the essentially representative farmers and stock-growers of Huntington county, where his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances. Mr. Thomas has been a supporter of the cause of the republican party until the campaign of 1912, when he joined its progressive wing, under the leadership of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, whom he supported for the presidency, as candidate of the newly formed progressive party. He has made the best of improvements on his farms, his Glenville farm being the southeast quarter of Section 15, Wayne township, and his Caledonia farm being the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 10. Both places receive his careful and effective supervision and he gives special attention to raising cattle, horses and hogs and to the feeding of beef cattle.

On the 1st of April, 1906, Mr. Thomas wedded Miss Bertha A. Sparks, who was born and reared in Huntington county and who was graduated in the high school at Banquo. She is a daughter of the late John J. Sparks, whose death occurred October 27, 1912, and the maiden name of her mother, who still resides in this county, was Emma E. Hale. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have three children, whose names and respective ages (1914) are here noted: Helen E., eight years; John S., six years; and Hildah L., three years. Mr. Thomas holds membership in the United Brethren church and his wife is a member of the Christian church.

Francis M. Smith. A representative farmer and citizen of Rock Creek township, Francis M. Smith has spent all his life in that community, was for a number of years identified with teaching and is a man of university training and culture who has found agriculture a profitable field of enterprise. His home is in Section 16 of Rock Creek township, eight miles southeast of Huntington, the same distance north of Warren, and five miles southwest of Markle. Many improvements have been inaugurated on the place since it came into the possession of Mr. Smith, and he has proved himself a worthy pupil of his father, who was one of the successful early farmers of the township. Mr. Smith has made more than a local reputation as a breeder of the thoroughbred Big Type Poland-China hogs, and that is both an interesting and very profitable department of his farm activities.

Francis M. Smith was born in Rock Creek township, February 9, 1860, a son of Nathan and Susan (McConner) Smith. Nathan Smith was born in the state of New York, January 7, 1818, and reared to

manhood there. A short time after his marriage he lost his wife, and in his efforts to divert his mind from his loss migrated to the West, coming to Huntington county, Indiana, in 1846. He bought a small piece of land and settled down to farm life, but on account of ill health became discontented, and in a short time sold his land for an Indian pony and ten dollars in cash. The pony he rode back over the lonely trail to his native state, and lived there two years. Once again seeking a home in the western state of Indiana, he came to Huntington county, settled in Rock Creek township, and was identified with that community the rest of his life. His savings of one hundred and thirty dollars were invested in a tract of land now occupied by J. W. McClurg. On April 15, 1851, he married Susan McConner, and they established a home one-half mile north of the present village of Plum Tree. They lived in this home for five and a half years, then moved to a farm one-half mile north of Rock Creek Center, which was their home about six years, and after selling they bought the farm adjoining on the north, which he kept as long as he lived.

Susan McConner was a daughter of Samuel and Clarissa (Wright) McConner, and was a native of Columbiana county, Ohio, her parents being of New Jersey birth and ancestry. To Nathan and Susan Smith were born the following children: Mary F., wife of Isaiah Dill of Michigan; Laura O., who married Charles E. Hunt, F. D. of Rock Creek township; Francis M. Cassius E., a farmer of Wexford county, Michigan. Nathan Smith was a man of many sterling qualities, and his wife, an old school teacher, was a woman of more than ordinary intellect and of pronounced moral and religious convictions. In early life Mr. Smith was a whig, later adopting the principles of republicanism, but later helped to organize the prohibition party in Indiana and was afterwards an ardent supporter of the same. A quiet man, he yet accomplished a great deal of good work in his own way in the community, and always active in public affairs and occupying a prominent position in Rock Creek, never sought public office. He died at the age of eighty-one in 1899, while his wife preceded him in death by eight years.

Francis M. Smith was reared on the home farm and had his early training in the district schools. At the age of eighteen he attended the normal school at Huntington, and after finishing his term there began to teach in Rock Creek Center. The following ten years were spent alternatively in teaching and attending school, and for some time he was a student in the University of Valparaiso. In 1888 Mr. Smith withdrew from the pursuits of the schoolroom turning his attention to farming in Rock Creek township, and has since been identified with the industry for which his early training so admirably fitted him.

Mr. Smith and his family are members of the Church of Christ, and he is an elder and one of the trustees in the church. In his earlier life he served as superintendent of the Sunday school for some years, and has since been a leader in the social meetings of the church, his activities having embraced practically every branch of church work. His first political affiliations were with the republican party, and he cast his first

ballot for James G. Blaine for president. Since that time he has earnestly supported the principles of the prohibition party.

On December 25, 1885, Mr. Smith married Ella A. Wedeman, who was born in Kato, Wisconsin, October 17, 1859. She was educated in the schools of Green Bay, Wisconsin, spent two years in the State Normal School at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and subsequently taught in the schools of Wisconsin, North Dakota and Indiana. It was while attending school as a student at Valparaiso in 1882 that she met Mr. Smith. After attending this school for a year she returned to Wisconsin, taught a term there, and then taught in North Dakota and Wisconsin for three years before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three living children: Owen K. was the first and only graduate from the Rock Creek high school for the year 1907, he is now located in the Province of Alberta, Canada. Flora L. was graduated from the Rock Creek high school with the class of 1913, receiving the highest honors of the class, and has since spent a term at Angola and one at the Muncie Normal school, and is now taking a course in the Indiana University, where she hopes to graduate. During the winters she teaches in the schools of Rock Creek township. Esther M. is a student in the local high school and is a bright and promising girl.

Fred H. Bloomer. Within the pages of this work will be found specific mention of many of the representative agriculturists and stockgrowers of Huntington county, and to such recognition Mr. Bloomer is fully entitled, as he is one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Wayne township and has a host of friends in this part of the state, which has been his home all his life.

In the adjacent county of Wabash Fred H. Bloomer was born August 12, 1883. The old family homestead was in Liberty township. His parents were Ellis and Julia (Stewart) Bloomer, and it is interesting to record that father and son were both born on the same farm, and that Robert Stewart, the maternal grandfather, was among the honored pioneers of Liberty township of Wabash county. Ellis Bloomer served as assessor of Liberty township and is now the efficient and honored incumbent of the office of county clerk of Wabash county, his election to this position having necessitated his removal from his farm to the city of Wabash, where he and his wife have an attractive home in which they delight to extend welcome and hospitality to their many friends. Of the children five are living: Dr. Joseph R., a representative physician at Rockville in Parke county, Indiana; John W., a farmer in Wabash county; Miss Bessie, who is her father's assistant in the office of the county clerk of Wabash county; Ellen, a student in the Wabash high school; and Fred H.

The public schools of his native county afforded Fred H. Bloomer his early educational advantages, and after his graduation from the high school in the village of La Fontaine he completed a course in a correspondence school. Soon afterward came an appointment to the position of railway mail clerk, after passing the required civil service examina-

tion, and he was assigned to duty on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, best known as the Big Four route. After a short service in this capacity, on the run between Benton Harbor, Michigan, and Louisville, Kentucky, he married and settled down to the regular business of his career.

September 16, 1903, Mr. Bloomer married Miss Frennie A. Hedrick, who was born March 21, 1885, on the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Bloomer now reside. She was educated in the public schools. Mr. Bloomer and wife are popular members of the Christian church at Banquo. She is a daughter of George W. and Mary (Harrell) Hedrick. Her father is a native of Wabash county and represents one of the sterling pioneer families of that county. He honored his native state by gallant service as a soldier in the Civil war as a member of Company C, Twelfth Indiana Infantry. On the 22d of July, 1864, at the battle of Atlanta, Georgia, he was shot in the left arm, and that injury disqualified him for further active service in the field. As a man who offered his life as a sacrifice to the cause of the Union, he is well entitled to the pension he now receives from the general government, and is also a well known member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. and Mrs. Hedrick were residents of Wayne township in Huntington county until thirteen years ago, when they built a most attractive home on their farm in Wabash county, and have since lived there. Mrs. Bloomer has one half-sister, Mrs. Ella (Hedrick) Garrison, of North Manchester. Mr. and Mrs. Bloomer have three children: Marie, born October 18, 1904; Delores, born August 21, 1907; and Georgia, born April 2, 1910. Their well improved farm of one hundred acres is most attractively situated one mile west of the village of Banquo, Huntington county, and not far from La Fontaine in Wabash county, La Fontaine being their postoffice. Mr. Bloomer gives his attention to diversified agriculture, his progressive policies and good management having been shown in all details of his farm enterprise and giving him place as one of its permanent representatives of the younger generation in Huntington county. In politics he is a stanch supporter of the republican party, but has had no desire for the honors or emoluments of public office.

Frank S. Cook. The train dispatcher of the Erie Railroad Company at Huntington is by no means an old man, but is a veteran in the railway service, and has been in the employ of the Erie Railroad for twenty-four years, being one of the oldest men in the service of that company.

Frank S. Cook was born at Kenton, Hardin county, Ohio, April 29, 1870, the oldest son of Isaac and Louisa (Mentzer) Cook, both natives of Ohio. Both the Cook and Mentzer families came from Pennsylvania and were among the early settlers at Kenton. Isaac Cook was a carriage trimmer and wagon maker, and also a harness maker, and followed those lines of trade during the best years of his life. He was noted for his superior workmanship, and every article produced by his hands or that went out of his shop was as good as careful construction and good material could produce. His death occurred in 1892, and his wife is still living.

Edwin B Ayres

In the grade and high schools of Kenton Mr. Cook received his early education. When he left school in 1888, at the age of eighteen, he entered the service of the Erie Railroad Company, and learned telegraphy. Mr. Cook is a practical railroad man, having grown up in the business, and at an early age was entrusted with major responsibilities. From Kenton he was sent to Huntington as dispatcher and from there to Chicago for ten years and returned to Huntington in 1901 and continuing there since. During this service he has always been a careful and efficient and vigiliant worker, and his record is practically without a blemish.

Mr. Cook in 1896 married Miss Ethel Lauterbach of Chicago, a daughter of John Lauterbach, who was a manufacturer of carpets and rugs. Mrs. Cook was educated in the schools of Fairbury, Nebraska, which city was her home until seventeen years of age when the family moved to Chicago. They are the parents of four children: Frank A., a student in the Huntington high school; Arthur J., Warner R., and Gordon E., the youngest children being all in school. Mr. Cook has membership in the Train Dispatchers' Association of America, he and his wife are members of the Central Christian church, in which Mr. Cook is a deacon, and also secretary of the Sunday school. At 1531 Grant street Mr. Cook owns a substantial residence, situated on a large lot comprising one and a half acres.

Huntington County Bank. As a financial institution the Huntington County Bank has a record which deserves incorporation in a history of the county. Its progress has been typical of the development of the community, and for twenty-five years its policy has been built up on the idea of efficient personal service and the highest standards of banking. This bank offers splendid facilities to business, and many of the best known citizens of Huntington county have at different times been among its stockholders and directors.

The Huntington County Bank was organized in October, 1887, with J. W. Ford, president; W. K. Windle, vice president; H. E. Emley, cashier. The first stockholders were W. K. Windle, John Gibler, Jacob Boos, J. W. Ford, Henry Arnold, I. N. Arnold, W. W. Hawley, David Hawley, W. T. Whitelock, T. G. Smith, C. E. Briant and E. B. Ayres. At the present time the capital stock of this institution is one hundred thousand dollars, and it has eighty thousand dollars of undivided surplus. The present officers are: E. B. Ayres, president; H. L. Emley, vice president and cashier, and E. P. Ayres, assistant cashier.

Edwin Buck Ayres, now president of the Huntington County Bank, and who was one of the original stockholders, was made vice president in January, 1892, and since 1909 has held the chief executive position. Mr. Ayres, both through his record as a business man and through his family, has many intimate relations with Huntington County history. He was born in the city of Huntington, then a small village, August 28, 1845, the oldest son of Porter and Catherine (Kenower) Ayres. His father, who died at Huntington, November 11, 1889, after a long

and successful career, was born at Ganges, Richmond County, Ohio, November 4, 1816, a son of Daniel and Parmelia (Buck) Ayres, the former a native of New York and the latter of Pennsylvania. Porter Ayres grew up on a farm, and while getting his education and performing the chores about the place, also mastered the trade of carpenter. From Ohio he moved west and became one of the pioneers in Northern Indiana, and during the greater part of his active life was identified with Huntington County. His work as carpenter was the basis for his prosperity. In the fall of 1838, following his marriage on March 4, in that year, to Mary Newcomer, he moved out to Missouri, but after the death of his wife in January, 1843, he again came east and in November of that year located in Huntington County. Here he continued his residence until March, 1850, when he joined in the great moving tide of fortune seekers who were going west, and spent eight years on the Pacific coast engaged in mining. After that he was a permanent resident in Huntington County. Aside from his business activities, he was often called to performance of civic responsibilities, and in 1878 was elected recorder of Huntington County and re-elected in 1882. He was a strong democrat in politics. Porter Ayres by his marriage to Mary Newcomer had two children. Of these, Elizabeth became the wife of Milton Taylor and lived in Huntington. In October, 1844, occurred the marriage of Porter Ayres and Catherine Kenower, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Wise) Kenower, an old and prominent family in this section of Indiana. The only living child of this second marriage is the Huntington banker.

Though for many years Mr. Ayres has been regarded as one of the most successful men in Huntington County, he began his career humbly enough, and he passed a great many competitors on the road to success. As a boy he attended the common schools of Huntington, until he was sixteen years old, and was then apprenticed to learn the cabinet-maker's trade with John Kenower. The Civil war was then in progress, and after two years, having reached the age of eighteen, he left his bench and went to the front in Company F of the Forty-seventh Indiana Infantry. The most important engagement in which he participated was the siege of Mobile, and he was mustered out of service at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in October, 1865. The first four or five months following his return were spent in work as a journeyman at his trade, and in the spring of 1866 he entered the employ of Mr. John Kenower, and continued as bookkeeper and lumber inspector with that business man until January, 1876. He then became identified with the firm of Thorne, Slack and Company, in the lumber trade, and in the operation of a planing mill. This firm underwent several changes, S. T. Bagley retiring, and five years later C. L. Thorne leaving, and after that the enterprise was carried on under the name of Slack & Ayres, until January, 1888, when Mr. Ayres retired and devoted his attention to other lines. For twenty-five years he has been closely identified with the success of the Huntington County Bank.

On April 23, 1868, Edwin B. Ayres and Miss Emma Belle Leonard were united in marriage. She was born in Wayne county,

Indiana, January 16, 1850. To their marriage were born five children: Eva Belle, Luella, Kate, Horace Leonard and Edwin Porter. The son, Horace L., died when three and a half years of age. The three children now living are: Eva Belle, the wife of W. B. Piatt, a postoffice inspector; Kate, the wife of Theodore J. Finley, of Huntington, and Edwin P., assistant cashier of the Huntington County Bank.

Mr. Ayres, among his other interests, owns a fine farm of one hundred and sixty-eight acres in Huntington county. He has always been a stanch republican in politics and has membership in the James R. Slack Post No. 37, G. A. R., of which he was one of the organizers, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a trustee. His home is a modern substantial brick residence at 336 Matilda street.

Charles W. McClurg. Included among the progressive and enterprising business men of Huntington county is found Charles W. McClurg, proprietor of the Plumtree Breeding Barn, the owner of a handsome farming property in Salamonie township. Starting out on his career with a capital that was composed principally of ambition and willingness to work, he has steadily forced his way upward and forward, until now he is at the head of a prosperous business and holds a place in the esteem and confidence of the people of his community. Mr. McClurg is a native of Huntington county, having been born on a farm in Rock Creek township, February 22, 1868, a son of John and Elinore (Randol) McClurg. His father was a Pennsylvanian and his mother was born in Ohio, and they were early settlers of Rock Creek township, where they assisted in paving the way for those who came later. Mr. McClurg devoted his activities to agricultural pursuits, was known as a reliable and industrious citizen, and contributed his full share to the development of the community. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Eliza J., who is the wife of Nelson Sharp; James W., who is a resident of Rock Creek township; Mary A., the wife of Isaac L. Dungan; George W., engaged in farming in Salamonie township, and Charles W.

Charles W. McClurg was reared on the home farm and received his educational training in the district schools, which he attended during the winter months. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, and at that time embarked upon a career of his own as a farmer in Rock Creek township. On October 11, 1910, he came to Salamonie township, and settled on a farm of 140 acres in section 3, lying three and one-half miles north and one mile east of Warren, Indiana, which he still cultivates. He carries on general farming, and has been successful therein because of his industry, well-applied effort and good management, and his property is known as one of the valuable ones of the township. Mr. McClurg has always been interested in stock breeding, and not long after coming to this township he established the Plumtree Breeding Barn, where he makes a specialty of Belgian and Percheron horses, of the imported breed. This venture has also proved a successful one, and he is in the enjoyment of a trade attracted from a wide radius. Most

of Mr. McClurg's life has been spent in handling horses, and no man in the community is a better judge of horseflesh than he. In his transactions he has never been known to take a mean advantage, so that his business standing is high. Mr. McClurg is a member of Barbers Mills Lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men, in which he is past sachem. A democrat in politics, he has never cared for public office, being content to busy himself with his numerous private interests. With his family, he attends the Christian church at Plum Tree.

On February 7, 1892, Mr. McClurg was married to Miss Jennie Rittenhouse, who was born in Wabash county, Indiana, September 18, 1869, and came with her parents in 1881 to Huntington county, where she completed her education in the public schools. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McClurg, namely: Irene J., born July 19, 1902; and Donald J., born October 30, 1905.

Emanuel Wildermuth. One of the primary objects of this historical compilation is to leave perpetual record concerning those citizens who are worthily representing the best industrial, business and civic interests of Huntington county, and it is especially gratifying to be able to give definite consideration to those who are prominent and progressive exponents of the great basic industries of agriculture and stock raising. One well worthy of such recognition is Mr. Wildermuth, who is the owner of "Golddust Farm," which comprises two hundred and forty acres and is considered to be one of the model places of this section of the state. This admirably improved and well managed landed estate is situated ten miles north of Marion, the judicial center of Grant county, and fifteen miles southwest of Huntington, the county seat of Huntington county. It is in section 24 of Wayne township, and finer land is not to be found in the state of Indiana, so that the owner may well be satisfied with the conditions and environments that compass him and lend to his prestige as one of the influential and honored citizens of Huntington county.

Mr. Wildermuth traces his ancestry to sterling German origin, and the family was early founded in America. He was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, on the 25th of June, 1859, a son of John and Sarah (Bouer) Wildermuth, the former of whom was likewise born in Fairfield county, and a member of one of its pioneer families, and the latter of whom was born in Harrisburg, the capital of Pennsylvania. John Wildermuth continued to be engaged in farming in his native state until 1880, in April of which year he came with his family to Huntington county, Indiana, and located on a farm in section 25, Wayne township. He became one of the representative agriculturists of the county, commanded the unqualified esteem of all who knew him, and both he and his wife remained on their homestead until death, he having passed away in 1909, and his devoted wife having been summoned to eternal rest in 1911. Of their six children Emanuel was the last born, and three others of the number are now living. Emma J., the wife of William H. Smith, of Wayne township; Isaiah, who wedded Miss Samantha Daugherty, and they like-

wise reside in Wayne township; and Phietta is the wife of Henry Diffenbaugh, of Ringgold, Iowa.

Emanuel Wildermuth was reared to maturity in his native county, and his entire active career has been one of close and effective identification with farming. He was afforded the advantages of the public schools of Fairfield county, Ohio, and there, immediately after he had attained to his legal majority, in June, 1881, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Isabelle Groff, who was likewise born and reared in that county, a daughter of George W. and Mary (Young) Groff. Her mother contracted a second marriage after the death of Mr. Groff and is now the wife of John Ruggles.

In the year of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wildermuth came to Indiana and settled on their present fine farm. In 1893 Mr. Wildermuth erected his present modern residence, his large and well arranged barn having been built by him in 1886. Other excellent improvements have been made by him, and he is to be credited with the development of one of the splendid farm properties of Huntington county, his youthful ambition and energy having failed to wane with the passing years, so that he is to-day one of the most progressive and substantial farmers of the county.

In politics Mr. Wildermuth is found aligned as a stalwart supporter of the cause of the republican party, but he has been essentially a busy man and has had no inclination to enter the arena of so-called practical politics. He is, however, most liberal and public-spirited and ever ready to lend his aid in the promotion of enterprises advanced for the general good of the community. It should be specially noted that on his farm he has for the past eighteen years made a successful enterprise of raising the Golddust wheat, which gives title to his place, and his product in this line yields from twenty-one to forty bushels to the acre. He also raises live stock of the best grades, and he maintains a close supervision of all details of his farm enterprise, a fact that implies that much of his success has come from this source. He and his wife are zealous members of the United Brethren church at Mount Gilead, and he is affiliated with the lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Marion. He and his wife have taken great satisfaction in extending in their attractive home hospitable and cordial welcome to their many friends, and it is a center of much of the social activity in the community. Mr. and Mrs. Wildermuth have but one child, Ina S., who was born November 10, 1883, was graduated from the high school of Marion and is now the wife of Clay L. Evison, a popular and progressive young agriculturist of Wayne township. Mr. and Mrs. Evison have the following children: Adonis, Louise, Mary, Elsie and Isabelle.

Henry Meyer. Few citizens of Huntington county have done more to promote the growth, welfare and progress of their community than has Henry Meyer, one of the representative farmers of Lancaster township. A man of enterprise and original ideas, he was one of the promoters of the project to drain Loon Creek, this being followed by similar enterprises

which have resulted in the reclamation of a vast tract of good, tillable soil which had previously been of little use. Mr. Meyer was born in Tipton county, Indiana, February 9, 1859, and is a son of Charles F. and Margaret (Wygant) Meyer, natives of Germany.

Charles F. Meyer left the Fatherland as a youth of nineteen years, when he had decided that in the world across the seas he could better his condition, and first settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, but subsequently moved to Wayne county, Indiana, and thence to Tipton county. He was first a farmer's hand and later became the owner of a property of his own, continuing to be engaged in agriculture throughout the entire period of his active career. He was married in Indiana to Miss Margaret Wygant, who was born in Germany and came to the United States at the age of twelve years, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: Henry; John, a resident of Tipton, Indiana; Matilda, who is the wife of Joseph Glass, of Elwood, Indiana; Charles W., the owner of a good farm in this county; Emma, the wife of William Wymer; and William, of Tipton county.

Henry Meyer received his education in the public schools of his native locality, and early decided upon farming as his life work. He thoroughly applied himself to his every task, learning every detail pertaining to the successful management of a farming property, and by the time he had attained his majority was well versed in those things which make for prosperity in the field of agriculture. Mr. Meyer remained under the parental roof, assisting his father, until he was twenty-seven years of age, at which time, June 28, 1886, he was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Stillwagen, who was born and reared in Tipton county, Indiana. To this union there have been born four children, as follows: Emma, the wife of Fred Went, of Huntington county; Phillabina, the wife of John Hoenstine, of Huntington township; Margaret, single, at home, and one child who died in infancy, Thomas Wilmer the youngest.

After his marriage Mr. Meyer commenced operations on his own account, and has continued to accumulate property until he now has a valuable farm of 171 acres, located three miles south of Huntington, on the Salamonie gravel road. He is engaged in general farming, in addition to which he has been quite successful in stockraising, making a specialty of Berkshire hogs. He is known as an expert judge of cattle. Mr. Meyer has ever been foremost in movements making for progress, and when it was proposed that the Loon Creek district be drained he at once recognized the practicability of the idea. Accordingly, he became one of the promoters of this venture, and although it met with a great deal of opposition at first from those who were a little backward in accepting anything new, it has proven one of the best things that could have been done to aid the townships of Lancaster, Rock Creek and Huntington. This has opened the way for numerous other drains in Huntington county, and in this way many acres of valuable land have been added to the county's resources. Mr. Meyer is a democrat in his political views, but has cared little for public affairs, outside of the manner in which they affect his community. He is a member of the Hunt-

ington Lutheran church, in which he and the members of his family have numerous friends, as they have in all walks of life.

WILLIAM H. ECKMAN. One of the fine farms of Rock Creek township is known as Cedar Glade Farm, and its owner, William H. Eckman, is one of the most capable farming men of the township, as well as one of its representative citizens. He has made a name for himself as a farmer, and his position in the community is secure by reason of the many excellent qualities that dominate in his life. He is a native son of the county, born in Lancaster township on May 27, 1862, and is a son of Jonathan and Anna (Barr) Eckman, concerning whom some mention should be made in this connection.

Jonathan Eckman was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, and his wife was a native daughter of the same region. There they grew up in the same community and were married when they reached years of maturity, after which they came to Huntington county and located in Lancaster township. The year 1859 marked their advent into this section of the country, and they spent their remaining years where they had located in their honeymoon days.

Here the young husband built a log house and barn and applied himself with creditable diligence to the Herculean task of clearing away the wilderness, and here he reared his family and achieved a fair measure of business success. In 1871 fine frame buildings took the place of the early log house and barns and many other improvements were brought into place as time passed. Mr. Eckman was a progressive man, and he owned the first sawmill in the township. He also applied progressive ideas to his farming activities, and the success that he experienced was his by right of the thought and energy he expended on whatever enterprise he launched. A public spirited man, Mr. Eckman had a prominent place in his community. The family were leading members in the German Baptist church and bore their full share of the financial and other burdens of the organization. The father died in 1878, while the mother lived until 1906.

They were the parents of six children, five of whom are living in 1913. Jacob was killed by a horse in 1911, and the others are William H., of this review, Marion W. of Huntington, Indiana; Elmina, Laura and Emma, the wife of Samuel Funderburg.

William H. Eckman was reared on his father's farm in Lancaster township, and was educated in the public schools of that township. He continued at home until he was twenty-two at which time he married and established a home of his own. He married Lina M. King on September 24, 1884, she being the daughter of Samuel and Sarah King, and she was reared on the farm where they now live in Rock Creek township. Mrs. Eckman had her early education in the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Eckman are leading members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Plum Tree and Mr. Eckman is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and politically is a progressive.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Eckman are Merle, a graduate of the

Warren high school, the State Normal, and now a teacher in the public schools; Glade K., a graduate of the Huntington high school and a student in Purdue University; and Ruth A., a graduate of the Huntington high school and a junior in the state university at Bloomington.

Matthias Kiefer. Huntington county maintains an advanced position in the domain of modern and scientific agriculturism, and among the able and popular representatives of this great basic industry in Huntington township is the sterling citizen whose name introduces this paragraph and who is eminently entitled to recognition in this history. He came from Germany to America when a young man, without more than nominal financial resources and dependent upon his own exertions in winning for himself a position of independence and prosperity. That he has succeeded admirably in his worthy ambition is shown by his present status as one of the substantial farmers of Huntington county, where he owns a well improved farm of fifty-five acres, devoted to diversified agriculture and to the raising of excellent grades of live stock.

Mr. Kiefer was born in Germany, on the 4th of February, 1859, and his parents, Matthias and Angeline (Petts) Kiefer, passed their entire lives in their fatherland,—folk of sterling character and unassuming ways. Of their seven children four are now living,—Jennie, John, George, and Matthias, and all of the number still reside in Germany with the exception of the subject of this review, who is the only representative of the family in America.

Matthias Kiefer, Jr., gained his early educational discipline in the excellent schools of his native land, where he also served the prescribed three years in the German army. In 1883, when about twenty-four years of age, he severed the ties that bound him to home and fatherland and set forth to seek his fortune in America, his ambition having thus shown itself to be one of courage and determination and the same having never wavered in the face of the various trials and obstacles which he has encountered since coming to the United States. Mr. Kiefer landed in the port of New York city and thence set forth for the west, his available funds being practically exhausted at the time when he arrived in the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he was employed for a time. He came to Huntington county, where he secured employment at farm work. From his monthly wages he saved carefully and with much abstemiousness, as he was determined to bend every effort toward the gaining of a position of independence. In 1886 he assumed greater responsibilities, as he then took unto himself a wife, in the person of one of the gracious and popular young women of Huntington township, and for the ensuing eight years Mr. Kiefer was associated in the work and management of the homestead farm of his wife's parents, who had settled in Huntington county in an early day, both having been born in Germany. At the expiration of the period noted Mr. Kiefer purchased his present farm of fifty-five acres, eligibly located in Huntington township, and he has not only brought the place up to a high standard of productiveness but has also made many excellent improvements of

a permanent order. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, kindly and considerate in his relations with others, Mr. Kiefer has a secure place in popular confidence and esteem, as also has his wife, who has been a resident of Huntington county from the time of her nativity. He is a democrat in his political allegiance and both he and his wife are zealous communicants of the Catholic church of Sts. Peter and Paul, in the city of Huntington.

On the 14th of October, 1886, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kiefer to Miss Elizabeth Kanff, who was born in Huntington township, on the 23d of March, 1866, and who, as before intimated, is a representative of one of the sterling German pioneer families of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Kiefer became the parents of ten children, all of whom are living except John, who was born August 7, 1889, and who died at the age of five years. The names of the surviving children are here entered, together with the respective dates of birth: Andrew C., August 18, 1887; Frank, September 30, 1891; Josephine, June 8, 1894; Mary F., April 14, 1896; Herman J., September 30, 1898; Celia, December 21, 1900; Elizabeth, August 8, 1903; Henry, June 23, 1906; Teresa, September 23, 1908. The eldest son conducts a well equipped dairy, from which he supplies milk and cream to an appreciative patronage in the city of Huntington.

William L. Folk. For a period of more than thirty years William L. Folk has acted in the capacity of agent for the Standard Oil Company, and during seventeen years of this time has been the representative of this great industry at Huntington, Indiana. One of his company's most trusted employes, he has given of his best abilities in its service, yet has never failed to find time to give to the interests of the community in which he has made his home for so long. Mr. Folk was born March 20, 1865, in Pennsylvania, and is a son of John H. and Elizabeth Folk, also natives of the Keystone state, where the father was for many years engaged in contracting and building.

Mr. Folk obtained his education in the public schools of his native place, and secured his introduction to business life as an employe in the works of the Union File Company, of Philadelphia. He was still a lad when he went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to accept a position with the Standard Oil Company, in 1882, and after several years in that city was sent to the oil shops of the same concern at Cleveland, Ohio. There he remained, still in a minor capacity, until removing to Fostoria, Ohio, and from the latter place came in July, 1896, to Huntington, Indiana, having been appointed agent for this city. Practically all of Mr. Folk's career has been passed in the employ of his present firm, and his business life has been one of constant and continued advancement. He was content to start in a humble position and learn thoroughly every branch of the business, so that today he is possessed of a broad knowledge of the line with which he is identified. His specified duties consist of taking charge of the storing of the oil which is contained in the immense tanks here, and this oil is distributed in Huntington and the surrounding towns

by three wagons. The capacity of the storing plant is thirty thousand gallons, supported by brick walls with aisles between, so that the wagons may be driven directly underneath and thus affording easy facilities for filling. Mr. Folk is widely and favorably known among the business men of Huntington, and his judgment is frequently sought as to matters of importance both in his own line and in others. He has no outside connections, however, except his poultry business, to which he devotes his leisure hours. Starting this as a hobby, he has gradually developed it into a paying venture, and his Buff Orpingtons are in great demand all over this part of the county.

Mr. Folk was married to Miss Ella Schofield, of Toledo, Ohio, a daughter of William Schofield, a citizen of that place. To this union there have been born three children, all daughters: Bernice E., Martha D. and Jenies M. The pleasant family home, amid beautiful surroundings, is located on First street. Mr. Folk is a member of Amity Lodge No. 483, F. & A. M., Huntington Chapter No. 27, R. A. M., and Huntington Commandery No. 35, K. T., of the Masonic fraternity, and also holds membership in the local lodge of Elks. He has never aspired to public office, but is known as a public-spirited citizen who has the welfare of his community at heart.

Robert L. Irwin. Farming, with all its branches, has been considered a good line of business since the beginning of the world, and such have been the changes and modifications within the past quarter of a century that to be a farmer is now probably the most dignified as well as most independent vocation in the entire range of human activities. Agriculture in such a county as Huntington offers a splendid field for the man of energy, perseverance and ability. In this class stands Robert L. Irwin, of Salamonie township, a man who has been in a remarkable degree the architect of his own fortunes, and who owes his present success in life entirely to his own efforts.

Mr. Irwin is a native of North Carolina, born in Guilford county, October 15, 1856, a son of James and Elizabeth (Kirkman) Irwin. Both were natives of the same state, the father being now deceased, and the mother lives in the old north state. They were parents of nine children, seven of whom are still living, but all are residents of North Carolina except Robert L. and James L., the latter a farmer of Blackford county.

While growing up in North Carolina Robert L. Irwin had limited opportunities, attended school irregularly, gave up his books and studies at the age of eighteen, and when twenty-one started out for himself. Two years later he journeyed to a state where he might find better opportunities, and located in Salamonie township of Huntington county. At that time he was a poor man, and had to establish his right to a share in the world's goods by diligence, faithfulness to duty, and a forehandedness in grasping and accepting the opportunities presented. On December 27, 1885, Mr. Irwin was united in marriage with Emma A. Foust. She belongs to one of the pioneer families of Huntington county, and was born on the farm now occupied by herself and husband December 22,

1863, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Colbert) Foust. The Foust family came to Huntington county from Highland county, Ohio, and Mrs. Irwin received her education in the District school at Salem in Salamonie township. Mr. Irwin and wife are the parents of seven children, whom they have reared carefully and upon whom they have bestowed the best opportunities for education and for making themselves useful in the world. The older ones are now married and settled in life, and several of the younger ones are still in school. These children are: Lelia, who is a graduate of the common schools and is the wife of Irwin Neber, a resident of Jackson township in Wells county, and field foreman for the Ohio Oil Company, and there are two children of Mr. and Mrs. Neber; Forrest, who after finishing a course in the common schools, became a student in DePauw University, later graduated from the Northwestern University, and has done much teaching; George and Bertha, twins, both finished the common school course, and the former is a graduate of the Warren high school and a teacher, being principal of the Ward school at Momence, Illinois, while Bertha is the wife of Verl Preble of Salamonie township; J. Leroy is a graduate of the common schools and the Bluffton high school and now a student in the Muncie normal school; Jesse L. and Glen F. are both students of the common schools. Mr. Irwin and wife have three grandchildren.

The families are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Salem, and Mr. Irwin is one of the trustees of that denomination. In politics he supports the prohibition cause. Mr. Irwin as a farmer occupies the southeast quarter of Section 35 in Salamonie township. This is a farm which for years has been one of the best known in southern Huntington county, and is known in the neighborhood as Jonathan Foust farm, having been entered from the government by Jonathan Foust in the pioneer days. The old parchment deed for the land was signed by Martin Van Buren, who, it will be remembered, was president of the United States from 1837 to 1841.

James M. Craig. Another of the sons of Levi and Lenora (Smith) Craig, and one who has made a place for himself among the successful farming men of Lancaster township, is James M. Craig, a brother of Mack Craig, who is mentioned in other pages of this work at some length. Mr. Craig was born in Henry county, Indiana, on June 24, 1866, and came to Huntington county with his parents in the year 1870. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania and Washington county, Maryland, who came to Indiana in young life and in Henry county met and married. The father was a veteran of the Civil war, and he is now a resident of Huntington, Indiana, as is also his wife, the mother of the subject.

James M. Craig was the second born in his parent's little family, and he was three years old when they came to this county. He had his schooling in the Majenica district schools, where he attended during the severe winter months, the summer and spring seasons being devoted to farm work up to the time he was about nineteen years of age. When he was twenty-one he began to work for his father for wages, a custom of the

family, and after a time he rented a farm and set up an establishment of his own. He married Clara Eichhorn on November 26, 1887, and she died on August 6, 1888, without issue. He later married Myrtle Glass, a daughter of George W. and Lida (Ryan) Glass, who was born in Jefferson township, Wells county, Indiana, and was there reared to farm life. She was given exceptional educational advantages for a country bred girl, and became a teacher, as well as being well advanced in musical knowledge. One child was born of their union, Gladys M. Craig, born August 29, 1907, now a student in the local schools.

Mr. Craig is the owner of a nice place of one hundred acres of fertile land, his farm lying eight miles distant from Huntington on the southeast, on the Huntington and Warren Pike, and he is regarded as one of the successful agricultural men of the township, as well he may be.

The family are members of the Christian church at Majenica, and Mr. Craig is a republican in his politics. They are people of excellent standing in the community, both of them coming of highly respected families of the state. The father of Mrs. Craig, George W. Glass, now resident in Jefferson township, is an honored veteran of the Civil war, in which he served from the beginning of the conflict until the last gun was fired, and he has passed his life as a resident of Wells county.

Samuel T. Eberhart, a teacher and respected citizen of this community and now manager of the Fertile Valley Stock Farm, was born in Warren township, two and a half miles east of Bippus, on October 29, 1876. He is a son of Linns and Elizabeth (Ada) Eberhart, and he is the youngest of their nine children.

Reared on the farm on which his birth took place, Samuel T. Eberhart had his early education in the district schools of Warren township. He was graduated from the common school in the year 1895, after which he entered the Bippus high school, and was graduated therefrom, taking highest honors. The young student then entered Danville College in the spring of 1898, but he did not find the school to his liking and after spending the spring and summer there, he entered the State Normal school at Terre Haute. He did about two years work in that institution and later attended Winona College, but did not quite finish and so did not receive his A. B. degree, for which he was almost ready.

Mr. Eberhart then began teaching and the next thirteen years he spent in that profession. During the last ten years of his pedagogic work he was principal of the Bippus high school, and when he withdrew from the profession he held a three years' common school license, a three years' high school license, and a life state license. After giving up school work Mr. Eberhart began to devote himself to the business of overseeing his farm in Sections 2 and 27 of Warren township, and he has since been occupied in that manner, experiencing a very pleasing success as the proprietor of Fertile Valley Stock Farm, as his place is widely known.

On October 26, 1902, Mr. Eberhart married Miss Della Farmer. She was born on May 10, 1874, in Putnam county, Ohio, and moved to

Wabash county, this state, with her parents when she was eight years old. They later moved to Warren township, Huntington county, and the family home is yet here. She had her education in the schools of Ohio and Indiana, her higher training coming in the Bippus high school, Columbia City Normal, and Danville College. After that very thorough training she engaged in teaching and she was for eight years active in the teaching profession, the last four years being spent in the primary department of the Bippus schools, where she experienced a most pleasing success. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eberhart, Edna Mae, born April 9, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Eberhart are members of the Bethesda United Brethren church in Warren township. Mr. Eberhart is a republican in his politics. He is the ardent advocate of clean politics and the open enemy of the saloon and the liquor traffic. He was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Huntington County Civic League, which was organized for the purpose of enforcing the laws after the county local option law was passed under the administration of Governor Hanley, and he has been otherwise active in township and county politics.

Mr. Eberhart was an organizer of the Bippus State Bank, and is one of its stockholders, and he is connected with other institutions of varied nature. He is recognized as one of the progressive citizens of Warren township, and it is remembered that he was one of those who brought about the present excellent system of stone roads in the county. The first petition, calling for sixteen and three-quarters miles, was no sooner carried out than a second petition followed, with still others at intervals, until the system in Warren township is practically complete today, connecting with improved roads to Huntington, North Manchester and South Wheatly.

In these and other ways has Mr. Eberhart shown the quality of his citizenship, and he properly takes his place today among the leaders in thought and action in Warren township, where he and his wife have a wide circle of old time friends.

Frank F. Holzinger. In Huntington county large quantities of that most useful commodity, brick, are manufactured by Frank F. Holzinger, who some years ago started this business in a small way, and now is a factor in the production of more brick than any other one concern in the county. Mr. Holzinger represents an old and substantial family of Huntington township, and his own career has been one of progress and of influential activities since he reached manhood.

Frank F. Holzinger was born in Huntington township October 13, 1869, a son of John and Caroline (Eberly) Holzinger. His father, now retired, after a long career as a farmer, is living with his wife in Huntington, on Cherry street. There are four children still living at this writing, Frank being the oldest, and the others: Joseph, of Huntington township; Mary, wife of Joseph Harkenrother; Lena, wife of J. L. Kock.

Frank F. Holzinger was reared on the home farm, attended the district schools and later the parochial schools of Huntington, and his resi-

dence continued with his parents, until he was twenty-six years of age, at which time he married Miss Theresa Eckert of Huntington township. She was born in that township, and like her husband received her education in the parochial schools.

Twenty-five years ago, in 1887, Mr. Holzinger started the manufacture of brick. His first kiln was a small one, and he employed only one or two hands during a portion of the year, and had somewhat crude facilities for the manufacture. At the present time he has a large plant at his home north of Huntington, located on twenty acres of land, with all the facilities for making perfect brick of several textures and commercial varieties. Mr. Holzinger also owns a half interest in the Huntington Brick Company, whose plant is located south of Huntington on the Warren Road.

The seven children born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Holzinger are: Agnes, aged thirteen; Herman, aged eleven; Francis, aged nine; Mary, aged seven; Carl, five years old; Rudolph, who is three years old; and Pauline, the baby. The family are communicants of the church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Catholic, at Huntington. Mr. Holzinger is a democrat in politics. He and his wife have labored together in establishing a home and a gratifying degree of material prosperity, and while enjoying the esteem of the community, they find their chief pleasure in their home and in affording their children the best of advantages in schools and in training under their own supervision.

John C. Etzold. An expert in his calling, John C. Etzold has been connected with the Circuit Court of Huntington county for almost a decade of years, and his services in the capacity of court reporter have been of a nature to earn the hearty commendation of the officials with whom he has been associated. His present high efficiency has been attained through constant application, untiring study and steady perseverance, and he has been able to develop his powers of concentration to a high degree. Mr. Etzold is a native son of Huntington county, having been born in the city of Huntington, December 11, 1873, one of twins of the eight children who formed the family of Charles and Pauline (Welz) Etzold.

Charles Etzold was born in Germany, and as a lad left the Fatherland in company with his parents, the family emigrating to the United States and settling in the city of Syracuse, New York. There Mr. Etzold grew to manhood, receiving a common school education and early learning the trade of shoemaker. He there also met and married Pauline Welz, who had also come to the United States from Germany as a child, and after his marriage Mr. Etzold continued to reside in Syracuse for a number of years. Finally, however, deciding that he could find better opportunities in the West, he migrated to Indiana, and, settling in Huntington, established himself in business as a shoemaker. He was an earnest and thrifty workman, possessed of the honesty and industry of his race, and while he did not amass a fortune was able to keep his family in comfort and to give his children good educational advantages.

For this reason he won the esteem and respect of those with whom he came in contact. Mr. Etzold died in August, 1900, while the mother followed him to the grave, May 1, 1902, and both were laid to rest in Huntington.

John C. Etzold received his primary education in the German Lutheran school at Huntington, and subsequently became a student in the high school here, from which he was graduated with the class of 1894. Following this, he entered the Huntington Business University, where he paid special attention to typewriting and stenography, and graduated in 1897. Mr. Etzold secured a position at this time in the offices of Chicago Railways, at Chicago, but after four years returned to his native city. During this time he had worked assiduously to increase his speed and efficiency, and when he returned he was prepared to take the position of court reporter, to which he was appointed by James C. Branyan, in January, 1904. The able manner in which he has since discharged his duties has left no reason for the making of a change, and through the different administrations that have followed, he has been found at his accustomed position in the Circuit Court. While acting in this capacity, he has gained considerable knowledge of law, both criminal and civil, as well as an extensive acquaintance with the citizens of Huntington county. Mr. Etzold is unmarried.

F. M. Jefferson. The utilization of the splendid soil of this section of the state constitutes probably the most important industry of Huntington county and among her most successful men are those who are engaged in agricultural pursuits in the fertile region of Polk township. To this class belongs F. M. Jefferson, a business man of marked enterprise and keen discernment, who in the careful control of his interests has gained a place among the substantial residents of his community. He is essentially a self-made man, for he entered upon his career without financial support or friendly influences and has fought his way upward step by step, overcoming such obstacles as have arisen in his path by the force of his own determination and energy. Mr. Jefferson was born in Wabash county, Indiana, September 5, 1861, and is a son of John and T. A. (Downey) Jefferson.

The Jefferson family came to Wabash county from Rush county, Indiana, while the Downeys originated in Ohio. John Jefferson, the father of F. M. Jefferson, enlisted for service in the Union army at the outbreak of the Civil war, and met a soldier's death on the field of battle in 1863. F. M. Jefferson was then only two years old, and not long thereafter was taken to rear by his uncle who educated him and kept him in his home until his fourteenth year. At that time Mr. Jefferson went to live with his mother, who had in the meantime been married a second time, to William Dillon. He remained with his mother and stepfather for four years, and then entered upon a career of his own, having made his own way since that time.

In 1883 Mr. Jefferson was married to Miss Barbara Snetzler, who was born in Switzerland and at the age of eleven years came to the United States with her father. They first landed at New York City, but after a short stay made their way to Columbia City, Whitley county, Indiana, and later to Wabash county, where she completed her English education in the public schools. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson rented land until coming to Huntington county, and here purchased eighty acres of land, on which they have continued to reside to the present time. Mr. Jefferson has brought his property to a high state of cultivation, and it is now one of the valuable farms of Polk township. Good buildings have been erected, substantial improvements have been installed and modern machinery and equipment put in, and its prosperous condition testifies to the owner's good management. He is essentially an agriculturist, and has found no time to give to other matters, although he takes an interest in those things which affect his community. He has supported democratic candidates and policies, but has never been an office seeker. With his family, Mr. Jefferson attends the First Christian church, of Andrews, and is serving as an elder and a member of the board of trustees.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson, namely: William E., a graduate of the common schools, who married Tracy Gretzinger; Stella, also a graduate of the public schools, who is the wife of Ed Windle, of Wabash county; and Clarence L., who has also received good educational advantages, is married and makes his home at Detroit, Michigan.

Frank A. McCaulay, Erie water works foreman for the Erie Railroad, and councilman of the Fourth Ward of Huntington, has had a career of activity and usefulness, and has won success in life through the medium of individual effort. He was born at Defiance, Ohio, June 9, 1872, the youngest of the five sons of James and Ann (Delangery) McCaulay. The father, a carpenter by trade, was employed by various railroad companies for a number of years, making his home for some time at Defiance, Ohio, and also being a resident of different points in New York. The family came from Ohio to Williams county, Indiana, where James McCaulay was connected with the Wabash Railroad in different capacities, and later he entered the service of the Chicago & Erie Railroad, with which he was connected until the time of his death in 1898. The mother survived him until 1912, and was the mother of five sons and a daughter, the family now being scattered over a number of states.

Frank A. McCaulay received his education in the parochial schools of Defiance, Ohio, and the public and high schools of Huntington. After his graduation from the latter he secured employment with the firm of Hay & Hawley, with which he remained some seventeen years, and then secured a position as traveling salesman for the wholesale grocery concern of McCooper & Company, continuing on the road for five years. At the end of this period he formed a partnership in the plumbing business with Francis Parker, an association which lasted only several months,

when Mr. McCaulay went to Mare Island, California, a military post, being there employed by Captain Levy on the battleship New York. Mr. McCaulay remained in this employment for eighteen months, but when an order came from Secretary of the Navy Herbert to lay off 600 workmen, he was among those whose employment ceased, and he accordingly returned to Huntington. For the following two years he was associated with Samuel Buchanan, and for a short time thereafter was engaged in the plumbing business on his own account, until entering the employ of the Erie Railroad. He spent some time in charge of a section, was then given charge of the waterpipe fillers, and after twelve years of faithful and efficient service received the promotion to the superintendency of the water works and water supplies department. This position he has continued to hold to the present time. In 1910 Mr. McCaulay was elected alderman of the Fourth Ward of Huntington, on the democratic ticket, and his faithful and conscientious service in behalf of his constituents gained him the renomination and reelection in 1913 and 1914. He has been an influential factor in democratic politics and has been known for his faithfulness to his party and his loyalty to his friends. The best interests of the city find in him a live, progressive representative. Mr. McCaulay is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and also belongs to several fraternal orders, in all of which he has a number of warm and admiring friends.

Mr. McCaulay was married to Miss Ella Broomer, of Huntington, and to this union there has been born one daughter: Jeannette, who is an accomplished young lady and a graduate of the Huntington High school. The modern family residence is located on First street.

Omer C. Smith. Manager of the Beyers Brothers & Company, wholesale produce and commission merchants at Huntington, Mr. Smith has been identified with this line of commercial efforts since he was twenty-one years of age. He knows all the ins and outs of the business, has collected poultry and other produce along country roads, has marketed the material, and experience and native sagacity have given him a splendid judgment in handling all details of the business. The Beyers Brothers concern, dealing in butter, eggs and poultry, was established at Huntington in 1894, and the business is located on Charles street in Huntington. The Beyers brothers have their home in Rochester, Indiana.

Omer C. Smith was born in Kosciusko county, Indiana, June 1, 1872. He is the second son of Daniel and Lydia (Epshire) Smith, both parents natives of Fulton county, Indiana. The father is still living, and has followed farming as his regular vocation all his active career. Omer C. Smith grew up on a farm, and was well prepared for his business career by plenty of work in a wholesome environment while a boy, and with a practical education in the country schools. When he left school he entered the employ of Hostetter Brothers at Rochester, and continued with that firm until he was twenty-one years old. In 1899 Mr. Smith entered the employ of the Beyers Brothers, in their business at Huntington. As representative of the firm he did much driving in the country and neigh-

boring towns, and bought poultry, butter and eggs from nearly every farm house in Huntington county. That was the experience which proved of inestimable value in his successful management of the local concern, since he came to know people and all conditions affecting the trade, and in 1900 he was made manager of the local business at Huntington by Beyers Brothers, who have ever since had the utmost confidence in their Huntington representative. Mr. Smith has subsequently acquired an interest in the business and is a director in the Beyers Brothers & Company.

In 1902 Mr. Smith married Miss Delia Keefer, a daughter of Jacob Keefer, an old resident of Huntington county. They have one daughter, Georgia M. In politics Mr. Smith is a republican but has never held office. His home is on East Front street.

Charles S. Bolinger. A descendant of the first families of Huntington county, an active farmer and public spirited citizen, Charles S. Bolinger is well known in Warren township, where he has spent practically all of his active career.

He was born in that township, January 7, 1873, a son of John and Martha (Wilte) Bolinger. His father was born in Huntington township of Huntington county, in 1833. That was one of the early dates in the county history, and the Bolinger family were located here among the very first settlers who came to this section of the state. The father lived for many years in Huntington county, but died in Wabash county. There were nine children in the family, seven of whom are still living, as follows: Sarah A., wife of Joseph Sechrist; Emma, wife of Mr. Gray; Ida, wife of Henry Steele; Blanche, wife of Jesse W. Davis; George W., of Clear Creek township; Charles S., and Ira of Huntington township.

Charles S. Bolinger was reared in Warren township, attended the district schools until eighteen years old, and his youth was spent in the home of H. S. Wisener, to whom he owes many of the attentions and benefits which a son credits to a father. On Christmas Day of 1901 he married Miss Minnie Schoeff, a daughter of John K. Schoeff of Huntington township. Mrs. Bolinger received her education in the common schools of Huntington county. Their two children are: Mildred C., born October 29, 1904; and T. M., born December 7, 1910. Mrs. Bolinger is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Greenwood. In politics he is a democrat, but has never been drawn into practical politics. He lives on the old H. S. Weisener farm, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, and by quiet and effective industry has steadily prospered and is one of Huntington county's successful men.

Samuel H. Bowers. Though still in his twenties, Mr. Bowers has made for himself a secure place in the business economy of Union township. He is proprietor of the Bowerstown feed mill and repair shop, located two and a half miles east of Huntington on the Ganesville Pike. His is an important local industry. The manufacture of vegetable crates is one of his most profitable products, and he also makes a specialty of the

rebuilding and repairing of furniture and the manufacture of new furniture. In the repair shop he also does a great deal of work in the grinding of plow-points, and general repairing.

Samuel H. Bowers was born in Union township of Huntington county June 21, 1889, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Gregg) Bowers. He is the youngest in a family of four children. A sister is Edith, wife of Andrew Zink, and a brother is William Bowers. The father was born in Allen county, Ohio, came with his parents to Huntington county when eight years old, was reared to manhood in Union township, and there married Miss Nancy E. Gregg. Miss Gregg was a native of Preble county, Ohio, where she was born April 27, 1859, and her parents brought her to Wabash county, Indiana. She was reared partly in Wabash and partly in Huntington county, getting a training in the district schools of both counties.

Samuel H. Bowers was reared in Union township, and when at the proper age entered the district school of his neighborhood. His training was such as is supplied by the common schools, and he early showed an inclination for practical affairs. His business apprenticeship was as a worker in the shops at the lime kilns. Five years ago he started his present business, and has developed it by the addition of special features, until he is now well on the road to prosperity. Mr. Bowers is a republican in politics, and while a public spirited citizen has done little in party affairs.

Charles E. Fults. This well-known citizen of Huntington county resides on his fine farm in Polk township, owning 160 acres of valuable land, to the cultivation of which he devotes his best energies. Burr Oak Farm, as this property is known, is situated three miles south of Andrews, Indiana, on the Andrews and Monument City turnpike, and its well-cultivated fields, its substantial buildings, its modern improvements, and its general air of prosperity, all testify to the presence of good management, and to the thrift and enterprise of its owner. Mr. Fults was born in Wabash county, Indiana, in December, 1862, and is a son of George and Mary (Boyce) Fults. His parents, members of an old family that originated in this country in Pennsylvania, came to Indiana from Columbiana county, Ohio, and located in Wabash county, where they spent the remainder of their years in agricultural pursuits, and passed away highly respected by the people of their community. There were five children in the family of George and Mary Fults.

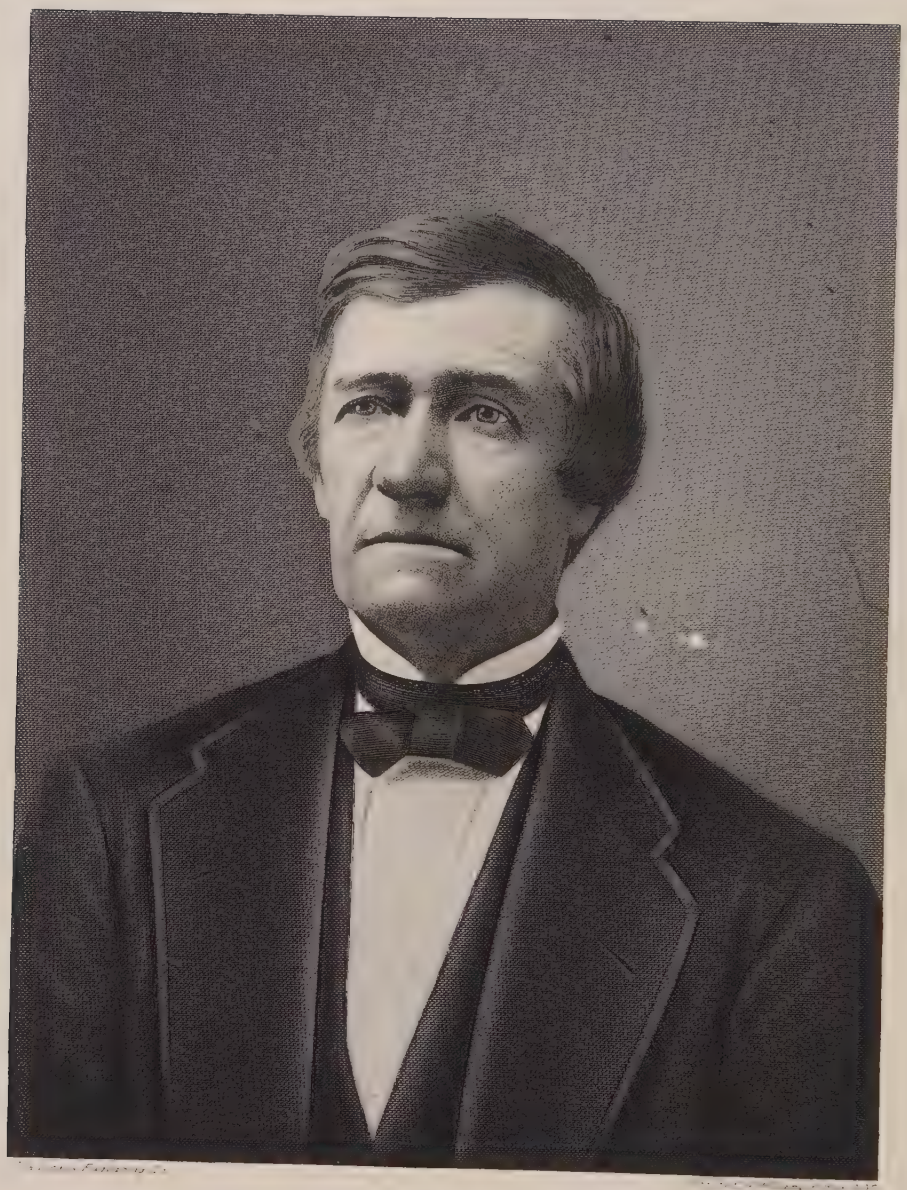
Charles E. Fults is fully entitled to the proud American title of self-made man. His educational privileges were limited and no special advantages fitted him for the cares and responsibilities of life. Until he was fourteen years of age he was allowed to attend the district schools during the short winter terms, but the summer months found him working hard at the tasks which go to make up the life of the busy farmer. He was industrious, determined, ambitious and resolute, and those qualities stood him instead of fortune, enabling him to overcome the difficulties and obstacles in his path and work his way steadily upward to the plane where

success places the laurels upon the victor's brow. He today ranks among the leading farmers of Polk township and his creditable life work has won him the respect and commendation of all who are familiar with the details of his career. The next to the youngest of his parents' children, he was expected to contribute his full share to the family income, and this he did while endeavoring to better his education in the Lagro and La Fontaine high schools, and finally succeeded in securing a teacher's certificate. For five years he followed educational work in the winter terms, in the meantime working at farming in the summer months, but after his marriage he rented land and devoted his entire attention to the tilling of the soil. He continued as a renter until coming to Huntington county, when he purchased eighty acres in Polk township and to this has added a like amount, which comprises Burr Oak Farm. Here he has erected some of the finest buildings to be found in the township, including a modern residence and substantial barns. He devotes his time principally to general farming, but has also met with decided success in stock raising, keeping pure-blooded Duroc Jersey hogs, and a high grade of cattle. He is also a poultry fancier, and in this line, as in others, has achieved a satisfactory measure of success. He was one of the founders of the Andrews State Bank, of Andrews, Indiana, and has been a member of the board of directors thereof since its inception. In political affairs he is a republican, although he has not been active except as a supporter of men and measures calculated to advance his community's interests. His fraternal connection is with Ambrose Lodge No. 410, F. & A. M., at Andrews.

In 1887 Mr. Fults was married in Wabash county, Indiana, to Miss Emma J. Barnes, who was born in Ohio and was taken to Wabash county as a child of two years. Two daughters have been born to this union, namely: Elva F., who is a graduate of the public schools and the Andrews High school, and for five years a teacher in the public schools of Dallas and Polk townships, now the wife of Lawrence E. Knee, of Andrews; and Ethel, a graduate of the common schools and Andrews High school, who is now a teacher in the high schools of Polk township.

John W. Zook. Among the prosperous and progressive farming men of Lancaster township, of which there are a goodly number, mention may be made specifically of John W. Zook, proprietor of the Hickory-hunst Farm, consisting of two hundred and thirty well tilled and highly productive acres. Mr. Zook has been identified with farming interests all his life, and was well fitted for his independent career, as the son of his father, on the home farm in Polk township. He was born there on June 2, 1853, a son of Martin L. Zook and his wife, Emeline (Bailey) Zook.

Martin L. Zook was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and his wife was of Henry county, Indiana birth and Kentucky parentage. They came to Huntington county about 1840 and settled in Polk township, there spending their remaining years. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom are living at this writing, here named as follows: William R., John W., of this review; Susan, the wife of Allison Owen; Sarah, the wife of H. G. Jeffrey, of Dallas township; Florence



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Emma, the wife of M. M. Killem, of Lancaster township; Ira M., born October 22, 1863, in Polk township, a farmer of Lancaster township.

John W. Zook was reared in Polk township, there attending school until he reached his teens, and when he was twenty-eight years old he attended the district school of the township as a means of adding something to his neglected training of former years.

In 1883 Mr. Zook came to Lancaster township where he settled on his present place, and here he has since continued. Mr. Zook began life with nothing in the way of material assets, but he had courage and energy, and he has acquired a comfortable home in the township, after having rented for a number of years. He came to his present farm in 1893, as the owner of his place, and an idea of the extent of his activities may be realized when it is known that his farm today is worth about $30,000, land in this vicinity selling for $150.00 the acre.

In 1883 Mr. Zook married Mary E. Ham, of Polk township, and they have four living children. Pearl G. is a farmer in Lancaster township; Guy L. married and moved to Texas, where he now resides on 160 acres of his own; Everett W., a graduate of the Lancaster Center High school, married Winnie Cline, a daughter of W. D. Cline, of Rock Creek; and Indus E. is single, living at home with the parents.

Mr. Zook is a republican in his politics and with his family he has membership in the Church of the Brethren in Rives, Indiana. He and his family are popular and prominent in their home community, where they are held in the genuine confidence and esteem of all who know them.

Samuel Moore was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1809. His father died when he was two years old, leaving a widow and four children in moderate circumstances. At nine years of age Mr. Moore found a home among strangers. He remained in the family until he was fourteen years old. During this time he was sent to school for three months of one winter, the only educational advantages he ever enjoyed.

When twenty years of age he became the owner of a wagon and yoke of oxen with which he carried supplies from the vicinity of Lafayette to a trading post near Fort Dearborn. On one of these trips he was urged to trade his team for a section of land now occupied by the city of Chicago, but he thought a yoke of oxen on dry land was a better possession than a farm under water; a lost opportunity which verifies the truth of Shakespeare's words: "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune."

Mr. Moore first came to Huntington in 1832, while buying furs for a firm in Buffalo; he packed the furs upon the back of an Indian pony which he now possessed and walked by its side, following the Indian trail that alone marked the forest. In 1833 he settled near the forks of the Wabash river selling provisions to those engaged in the construction of the canal. In June, 1834, he voted at the first election to elect justices of the peace for Huntington township which is now

known as the county of that name. One hundred and forty-seven votes were polled at that election.

In June, 1837, he married Mary Foxlater, who died, leaving three young daughters. His marriage was the first in the county of which any record is found. In two years he was married to Belinda Anderson, to whom was born five children, one dying in infancy. In 1838 he was elected one of the board of justices, taking the place of county commissioners. He subsequently filled a postoffice appointment under President Fillmore. He was one of three directors who constructed a plank road from Huntington to Liberty Mills. He contributed liberally to every public enterprise, churches, schools, public roads, everything tending to material, social and religious advancement shared his generosity. It was as a merchant and citizen that he was best known in Huntington and vicinity. Beginning his business career in a little shanty, he became one of the leading grain and dry goods merchants of Huntington. For forty years he pursued his chosen work, with unquestioned honesty and tireless industry.

The early settlers found in him a friend and helper, loaning money to them to make their first payment on their land, giving them credit for food and clothing until their crops were gathered. Hundreds of those who planted their homes in the wilderness, remember with tears his generous sympathy and bless his memory.

He died April 24, 1877, at Huntington, aged sixty-eight years. Quiet, modest, unassuming, deeds not words revealed the excellence of his character. His example embodied in a long and blameless life and holy peaceful death is an imperishable inheritance.

"Life's rugged path with patient feet he trod,
True to himself, his fellow-men and God."

Frank Sumner Bash. Former county recorder of Huntington county, now resident manager for the National Fireproofing Company, and in many ways both past and present identified with the business, civic and social life of Huntington county, Frank Sumner Bash is a man of varied attainments and experience.

The only son of Rev. John B. Bash and Nancy (Zent) Bash, he was born at Roanoke, Indiana, February 16, 1859. His early years were spent on a farm near Roanoke, and in the meantime he attended the public schools and the Classical Seminary in that village. While a resident of Roanoke he engaged in farming, and as a side-line conducted a piano and organ business. To a great many people Mr. Bash is best known for his ability as a singer and choir master, and as a promotor of musical activity. For a number of years he taught music and assisted in organizing and for several years was president of the Roanoke Beethoven Society, which had a membership of fifty, and for ten or more years was one of the leading musical organizations of northern Indiana. He arranged programs made up from oratorios and other heavy and classical works from the old masters, and the influence of the organization is still appreciated in the community. Mr. Bash's musical talent brought him

in contact with musical people all over the state and country, and for many years he has been at the head of musical societies, choirs and quartets. While still a resident of Roanoke he sang for years in what was known as the Emerson Male Quartette, an organization which toured the country and filled engagements as far away as Pacific Coast cities. Soon after locating in Huntington in 1888, he was made choirmaster of the First Methodist church, a position he has filled ever since, for more than twenty years. The Temple Quartette, in which he has sung for a number of years, is well known in the city and throughout the state, where engagements have been filled from year to year.

For a number of years, while still a resident of Roanoke, Mr. Bash edited a Roanoke page in the Huntington *Herald.* This led to an offer from the publishing company to accept the city editorship of the Daily and Weekly *Herald,* a place he continued to fill for a period of nearly seventeen years. While in the journalistic field he was correspondent for metropolitan newspapers as well as for the Associated Press. Voluntarily he left the newspaper field when elected county recorder in the fall of 1904. Although the county in those years generally showed the dominant parties to be of equal strength and mixed party results as a rule, Mr. Bash's majority was 817. He served the county for four years and was the first recorder to occupy an office in the new court house.

After four years of public office, Mr. Bash engaged in the real estate business, and also acted as secretary-treasurer of the Huntington County Live Stock Insurance Association, until retiring for the purpose of accepting the secretary-treasurership of the Imperishable Silo Company of Huntington. Later, when this company formed an alliance with the National Fire Proofing Company, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a more extensive field in the sale of silos, Mr. Bash was made resident manager, which place he still occupies. In addition to the many activities of usefulness occupying the attention of Mr. Bash, he has looked after the duties of a director in the bank of the Huntington Trust Company, one of the prosperous institutions of the city, which he helped to establish. He has an interest in the Majestic Furnace & Foundry Company, of Huntington, and devotes some time to his farm, located in Clear Creek township. For a number of years some of his time was given to the City Library. He was a member of the Library Board and did active duty on the book committee.

In religion Mr. Bash is a Methodist and a member of the board of trustees of the First Methodist church in Huntington. Fraternally his affiliations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

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